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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ 5 May 2019

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. — Jn 21:12-13

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**First Reading + Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41**  
**Second Reading + Revelation 5:11-14**  
**Gospel + John 21:1-19**

Mass  for the  
 Intentions  Week

**Monday, May 6**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, May 7**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jean GALLANT, RIP – T/J Riengeuitte

**Wednesday, May 8**

8:00am+Mark/Shawna MORRISON, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

**Thursday, May 9**

8:00am+Anna GREEN, RIP – E Durkan

**Friday, May 10**

12:10pm+Pat DEVEREAUX, RIP – E Durkan

**Saturday, May 11**

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Sean/Christina MORRISON, Pers Int – P/C Morrison

5:00pm+Paul LAPERRIERE, RIP – G Cole

**Sunday, May 12**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*A God Problem in "The New York Times"*

It is logical inconsistencies [in the concept of God] that led the 17th-century French theologian Blaise Pascal to reject reason as a basis for faith and return to the Bible and revelation. When Pascal died, his servant found sewn into his jacket the words: "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob — not of the philosophers and scholars." Evidently, Pascal considered there was more 'wisdom' in biblical revelation than in any philosophical demonstration of God's existence and nature, or plain lack thereof. — Peter Atterton, professor of philosophy. *New York Times*, March 25, 2019.

In a recent episode of his "Word on Fire" podcast, Bp. Robert Barron comments on this opinion piece in which the author claims that the idea of God is "incoherent." Bp. Barron does a good job of refuting the fatuous 'arguments' put forward, but he doesn't defend Pascal against the absurd claim that 'evidently' he had abandoned reason for faith.

Pascal (1623-1662) was a brilliant mathematician and scientist. He is one of the great figures in the 'Age of Enlightenment', a time of rapid advancements in science, but also a time of decline in religious faith. At the age of 36, he had a profound religious experience. He wrote down his immediate impressions on a scrap of paper which he then carried with him for the rest of his life. This 'memorial' begins: "Fire! God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and of the intellectuals. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace. God of Jesus Christ!"

Did Pascal 'reject reason as the basis for faith'? What complete nonsense! What Pascal rejected was the idea of God put forward by 'les philosophes et les savants', the *philosophers* and the *intellectuals*, for whom God was no more than a nebulous 'Supreme Being.' It is this anemic concept of God that Pascal rejects, and rightly so.

Bp. Barron laments the lack of intellectual depth in most of our modern atheists. Referring to the famous 1948 radio broadcast of a debate on the existence of God between Fr. Frederick Copleston and atheist philosopher Bertrand Russell, he says: "Many of today's atheists don't hold a candle to Russell in terms of logical consistency and rigor of argumentation. With Russell, you got a *debate*. With most of our contemporary atheists, you get a *merry-go-round*. The quality of the conversation does injustice to the significance of its subject."

Faith is never opposed to reason. Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, 'Faith and Reason':

Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that, by knowing and loving God, we may also come to the fullness of truth about ourselves.

**Saint of the Week:**

The privilege of our Church is such that it is never stronger than when it is attacked, never better known than when it is accused, never more powerful than when it appears forsaken. - *St. Hilary of Arles (400-449), Bishop, Feast Day May 5*

MAY 5, 2019



**March for Life  
Trip to Ottawa ~  
May 9, 2019**

Call/Text Dave McKendrick  
at 647-237-1348

Leaving Hwys. 88 and 400 parking lot (Bradford interchange) at 615am, Thursday May 9. Leaving Ottawa at 3:30pm. Arrive at 88 & 400 about 10:30pm. Adult Bus Cost \$40 plus own meals. Youth \$25 bus cost plus own meals.



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SATURDAY, May 25  
2019**

**8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

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**until the following delivery dates.....**

**Wednesday, May 24 to Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>  
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**\*\*Note: NO CLOTHING or  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

To help with Pickups and to Sort & Clean donations



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night ~ Monday, May 13 ~ 7pm

**THE APEX**



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

LIFETEEN Night ~ Saturday, May 11 ~ 6pm

**WHY AM I HERE**

**NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**6 Elected Positions opened for nominations  
for the 2019 – 2021 term**

Please return your nomination forms with names and phone numbers (please print clearly) by Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

- ✂ You can nominate more than one person (16 yrs. and over) and you can also let your own name stand.
- ✂ All nominees will be contacted to be sure they will allow their name to stand.

Thank you for your time and participation.  
The Nomination Committee Council.

**Forms available on table in foyer of church**



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[www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
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**Calendar of Events**

**May 8** - Baptism Class 2 of 4 Scheduled at 7:30pm

**May 9** – CWL Exe. Mtg. at 7:00pm

**May 9** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm

**May 11** – Life Teen Night at 6:00pm

**May 13** – Edge Night at 7:00pm

**May 13** – Parish Council Mtg. at 7:00pm

**May 14** – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm

**May 15** – Baptism Class 3 of 4 Scheduled at 7:30pm

**May 15** – Confirmation Gathering for

Sponsors/Candidates for Group A at 7:00pm

**May 16** – Confirmation Gathering for

Sponsors/Candidates for Group B at 7:00pm

**May 21** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm

**May 22** – Baptism Class 4 of 4 at 7:30pm

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