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# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple—God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another." © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



### When Plans Go Wrong

Some things don't work out the way you plan them. Even when you pray over a matter, and you decide on an action that you truly believe fits the will of God, things can turn out different from what you had in mind.

Sometimes God takes matters out of your hands.

Take Peter, for example. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came upon him and other disciples. Peter preached repentance to converts from Judaism. They were baptized and then received the gifts of the Spirit. It formed a neat program: Find some Jews. Preach to them. Baptize them. Watch for the gifts of the Spirit. What could possibly go wrong?

Cornelius. Peter wasn't counting on Cornelius.

One day, while Peter was at prayer, he realized that God was calling not just Jews, but Gentiles to belief in Christ. The Gentile Cornelius, who had also been praying, sent friends to find Peter.

When Peter came, his neat program fell apart. The Holy Spirit came upon the household of Cornelius before they were baptized, and before these Gentiles could even become Jews! God had another plan.

Sometimes when things don't go our way there is a very simple reason. They are going the way God planned them.

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### Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

**Daily Mass:** Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

**Adoration:** Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

**Baptism/Marriage**

Please contact the parish office.

### Clergy

**Pastor:** Rev. Juan Areiza

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## Mass Intentions

Sixth Week of Easter

(May 6 – May 12, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	8:30 a	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
Sun	11:00 a	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
Sun	1:00 p	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9a	Mon	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9a	Tue	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9a	Wed	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9a	Thu	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9a	Fri	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
9 a	Sat	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> <i>by People of St. Francis</i>
4:30 p	Sat	<b>Leaders of America</b> <i>by Grizio Family</i>



### Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the repose of the soul of  
**Edwin Lars Larsen** requested by **Cathy Frosini**.

**April 29, 2018**



First Collection

**\$6636.00**

Second Collection

**\$867.00**

Home Missions

Next Week Second Collection:

St. Vincent de Paul

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## Altar Server Training

(May 12, 2018 at 9:45)

Parents, this is for you and your child(ren): All children who currently serve at the altar, and those wishing to be altar servers - training will be provided Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. Even those just receiving their First Communion are eligible. The parish appreciates the commitment made by families to be part of this ministry. Thank you!

## UPCOMING BIG EVENTS

**Party for Fr. Juan** – Hopefully you have signed up for Fr. Juan's anniversary party on May 31, 2018. If you have not signed up, call the parish office @706-745-6400 or office@stfrancisblairsville.com

**Parish Picnic** – June 3, 2018 at the church. Yes, we said "at the church." It seems that the weather is always an issue with the parish picnic. This year we will outsmart the weatherman and shall feast outside behind the church, or in Marian Hall. Smell the burgers cooking? (Not yet).

## Please Pray For

- ✓ Jo Schilling
- ✓ Janice Barlotta
- ✓ Mathew Manzo
- ✓ Tarah Burrell
- ✓ Brendan McGuinness
- ✓ Kathy Wheeler
- ✓ Joe Muir
- ✓ Ray Kelly
- ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh
- ✓ Your Spiritually Adopted Baby
- ✓ Dakota Anthony Harmon
- ✓ Betty Mendenhall
- ✓ Louvelle Hoffman
- ✓ Joan Tufford
- ✓ Lorene Glenn
- ✓ Bob Wilson
- ✓ Marge Breslin
- ✓ Maureen Wilson
- ✓ Com. Thomas Van Scoten
- ✓ Rita Casey



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## Women's Guild Goes Turkey

(Tues, May 15 @ 6:30pm)

And it's okay. Really. It's Thanksgiving in May. Just imagine a stress-free turkey dinner with the ladies... you don't have to cook the turkey, you get to taste favorite Thanksgiving side dishes and desserts and it's in the evening to accommodate women who are unavailable during the day. You gotta come! Bring a side dish or dessert. Sign up at the information table in the church or RSVP to Joanne, [770-377-2280](tel:770-377-2280) or [jmatricard@aol.com](mailto:jmatricard@aol.com).

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

1. Bible Study on Mary – Mon May 7 and seven weeks more - at 10 am and 7 pm.
2. Holy Listening meets Tuesdays at 10. Listen to the Lord as He works in your life.
3. Sisters in Faith meets Friday @ 10 – Got Patience? (Be patient, you'll get some.)
4. Divine Mercy Cenacles meets on Fridays at 10 to learn and pray.
5. New Evangelizers meet on Monday, May 14 at 10. Topic is Mary

### Where Did Ascension Thursday Go?

"He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." In the year 2018, 40 days after Easter falls on May 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thursday. Hold on for a few days as we will celebrate this solemnity Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>.



### Blood Drive #2 - May 26, 2018

It seems that the first blood drive we had a couple of months ago was a big success. Can we do it again? We shall

see! Information for sign-up is coming soon, but in the meantime, put a red X on your calendar for May 26th. You may use a crayon.

### Bible Study on the Blessed Mother

New Bible Study on Mary will begin on May 7. **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** is from Ascension Press and will be 8 weeks. Classes are at 10 and 7 on Mondays. Sign up sheets in the vestibule of the church and Marian Hall.

## SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

### ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

El domingo pasado escuchamos el familiar pasaje del Evangelio de San Juan en el que Jesús usa el símbolo de la viña y las ramas. En ese pasaje escuchamos que si permanecemos en Cristo daremos mucho fruto. El Evangelio de hoy nos dice cuál es ese fruto: el amor. La segunda lectura de hoy junto con el Evangelio crean un gran himno de amor. El coro de este himno es sencillo –Dios nos ama tanto que envió a Jesús al mundo para que tuviéramos vida. El Señor Jesús que nos dijo la semana pasada que permaneciéramos en él, esta semana nos dice que permanezcamos en su amor. En un mundo marcado por las divisiones y el terrorismo, las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy son un gran reto: “Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros”.©

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**Mexican  
Breakfast**

**May 20, 2018**

**Tickets Available after**

**Masses \$9, \$5 kids, \$ 25 Fam**



Can you resist these smiles? Of course not. Stop after Mass and get your tickets to the Mexican Breakfast on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The meal is legend.

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