

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

## From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

We had a wonderful Confirmation liturgy this past Monday with Bishop Bevard. Thank you to everyone that helped make the liturgy so beautiful. And, a big congratulations to our newly confirmed!

I will be away Monday afternoon thru Friday. Deacon Bill will lead a Communion Service for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have an emergency (i.e., emergency medical anointing), you can call my cell 240-355-5795 and I'll find you a priest. Otherwise, I will be out of communication! Also, a reminder, if you are in St. Mary's Hospital, there is always a priest on-call. Simply ask the nurse.

I announced last weekend my departure will be July 12<sup>th</sup> when I become Pastor of St. John Vianney Church in Prince Frederick, MD. It will be hard for me to leave you! Although I've only been here for four months so far, you are an easy parish family to get attached to and that speaks volumes for what a strong faith community you have here at SFX. I am very pleased that Fr. Rob Maro will become your Administrator effective July 12<sup>th</sup>. Note that he is an Administrator, not Temporary as I and Fr. Gary were. A priest becomes an Administrator for one-year before they are installed as a new Pastor at a parish. So, Fr. Maro should be with you for some time. I've included in this bulletin a short bio from him and next weekend I will include an article about him that was published before he was ordained a priest in 2015. I got to know Fr. Maro when we were both in formation for the priesthood. He's a good holy man and a great fit for SFX! I know he will serve you well.

God bless, Fr. Dan

## Brief Bio from Fr. Rob Maro

Fr. Rob Maro is a native of Long Island, N.Y. and the oldest of four children. He has a Master's degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.



After receiving his degree, he became the Director of Religious Education at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, in Washington, D.C. in 2002, where he oversaw the religious formation of children and adults for eight years. This would be the path that God used to help him discern a vocation to the priesthood. Fr. Rob entered the seminary in 2010 at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ for the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal Wuerl on June 20, 2015 and has since been assigned to Annunciation Parish in Washington, DC. He is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight and has served as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus' Washington Council #224 for the past two years.

## Care Net – Free Sonograms

Care Net is offering a free sonogram to expecting mothers in their first or second trimester on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Each appointment will take about 45 minutes. Interested moms call 301-737-4604 to schedule an appointment.

## SFX Knights of Columbus Events

**“Welcome Spring” Breakfast:** There will be a Breakfast this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Free will donation to assist the Knights Charity Help. Come & enjoy. New and all parishioners are welcome. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. Take-outs available.

**Baby Bottles:** Grab a baby bottle after Mass, take home, fill with loose change/donations & bring back Father's Day weekend. The funds help CareNet Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

## Catholic Homeschool Conference

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, in Fredericksburg, VA, on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (9:00am – 9:00pm) and on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 4:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Dr. Ray Guarendi is the main speaker! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more info, visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org).

## Sacred Heart Church Chicken Dinner

Sacred Heart of La Plata will have a Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Dinner is 4 pieces of chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans & 1 dinner roll for \$14. Buckets of chicken (8 pieces and 4 dinner rolls) are also available for \$14. Bake sale and 50/50 raffle will also be available. Raffle \$5 per ticket and winner notified by phone. For more info, call parish office at 301-934-2261.

## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

**Saturday – May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Bernardine of Siena  
4:00 p.m.  
Confessions @ 3:15 p.m.

**Sunday – May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners  
11:00 a.m.

**Monday – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
St. Rita of Cascia  
9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. – Funeral Mass for Calvin Berry  
at St. Aloysius Church

**Tuesday – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. – No Mass

**Wednesday – May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. – Communion Service

**Thursday – May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. – Communion Service

**Friday – May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Philip Neri  
9:00 a.m. – Communion Service

**Saturday – May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Augustine of Canterbury  
4:00 p.m. – Aggie Farrell+  
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

**Sunday – May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
The Ascension of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. – George B. Matisick+  
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners

**Please note:** The Ascension of the Lord in the Archdiocese of Washington is celebrated on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, not on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.