



# *St. Benedict the African*

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May 02, 2021

5TH SUNDAY of EASTER



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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.  
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**Meeting ID: 894 1589 5742**  
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## 3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

All of us need to be extra careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



**DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE**  
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Stay Connected. While You're Away.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected within your community. You might not be able to visit our church, but you can still stay in touch! Just go to [www.parchesonline.com](http://www.parchesonline.com) to sign up to receive your church bulletin delivered straight to your inbox. Just search for our church's name and click Subscribe.



The Pastor's Prayer Request for...

**Simone Wright**  
**Michelle Tines**

## In Our Prayers

Camella Batten  
Thomas Bodie  
Betty Bryant  
Clifton Danzy  
Jacquenet Douglas  
Arthur Eiland  
Jesus Gomez  
Natasha Grace  
Jose Guerrero  
Rosetta Hatcher  
Andrea Halyard  
Roosevelt Henderson

Angela Hicks  
Betty Hill  
Patricia Hill  
Dolores Johnson  
Annette King  
Rosemary McGraw  
Eddie Pokorny  
Vera Pryor  
Eddie Sellers

Shirley Talton  
Edminyon Toms  
Fr. Brian Walker  
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## Our Homebound Parishioners

Edna Adams  
Bertha Boyd  
Rochelle Brent  
Annie Buchanan  
Marion Canty  
Keith Jones

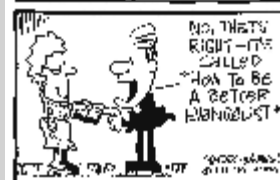
Mildred Lincoln  
Arthur Moore  
Elfreda Moore  
Myrtis Price  
Christine Simmons  
Lorenza Sturgis  
Leola Thompson  
Zelma Williams

## COVID-19 VACCINATION...

The City is providing vaccination for Englewood residents who are at least 18 years old. Here is the registration link...

<https://communityvaccineuic.health/englewood>

If you need assistance with registering, please contact the parish office 773.873.4464.



Readings for the Week of  
May 02, 2021

**Sunday**

Acts 9:26-31  
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8

**Monday**

1 Cor 15:1-8  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]  
Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday**

Acts 14:19-28  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**

Acts 15:1-6  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**

Acts 15:7-21  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**

Acts 15:22-31  
Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**

Acts 16:1-10  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5  
Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
Jn 15:9-17

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**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!**

Please come to the parking lot, 6547 South Stewart.

The dates are May 5, 12, & 19, 2021.

All are welcome!

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### BRANCHING OUT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP to BE

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO



Wednesday,  
May 05, 2021

## FOOD for THOUGHT— The Lighter Side

### A GOOD SERMON

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

— George Burns

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