

Counsel of Jerusalem: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church.

The Church is one, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is apostolic—founded on the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

This should fill us with confidence, free us to worship with exultation, inspire us to rededicate our lives to His Name—to love Jesus in our keeping of His Word, to rejoice that He and the Father in the Spirit have made their dwelling with us.

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Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Military Catholic Community!

We invite all newcomers to register yourself and/or your family with us. Please contact the Catholic Community Coordinator for a registration form or go to www.olopfortmeade.org. Thank you for being a part of our great community!

We pray for all our deployed military and civilians especially from Fort Meade; for their families and their loved ones.

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Email for appointments on marriage preparation, baptism, and to register yourself and/or your family.

MASS SCHEDULE **EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2018**

Sunday Mass

9:00 am, -Argonne Hills Chapel Center
7100 Rockenbach Road
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Weekday Mass (Starting October 30, 2018)
Every Tuesday, 12 noon, Main Post Chapel (subject to cancellation without notice due to non availability of priest).

For other Mass schedules and locations outside Fort Meade, visit: www.archbalt.org

Confessions: After Mass, or upon availability of priest.

Readings of the Week 5/26/2019-6/2/2019	
SUN	ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29 REV 21:10-14, 22-23 JN 14:23-29
MON	ACTS 16:11-15 JN 15:26—16:4A
TUE	ACTS 16:22-34 JN 16:5-11
WED	ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1 JN 16:12-15
THU	ACTS 18:1-8 JN 16:16-20
FRI	ZEP 3:14-18A LK 1:39-56
SAT	ACTS 18:23-28 JN 16:23B-28
SUN	ACTS 7:55-60 REV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 JN 17:20-26

“God’s Plan for Giving”
“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Pt. 4:10

**Attendance and collection
19 May 2019**

Attendance	Offering
275	\$838.75

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

May God bless you!
-Father Arek

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE (2019)			
Date	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
26 May	Rankin, Rogers, Willard	Weeks, Willard	Lopez, Lopez, Rankin
2 June	Weeks, Willard, Bova	Youth Ministry	Andrise, Weeks, Weeks, Weeks

Catholic Community Events

- June 6: Prayer Breakfast, 7 am, Club Meade. All are invited.
- June 15: Prepare and serve lunch at Sarah’s House.
- June 16: Summer picnic and farewell to Father George after the 9 am Mass, Chapel Center grounds. Sign up yourself or family after Mass in the fellowship room.
- June 16: CMOC will collect your non-perishable donations to Sarah’s House during and after Mass.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

Sarah’s House: We prepare and serve lunch every 3rd Saturday of the month. Meet us at Sarah’s House at 9:30 am if you want to help (subject to change without notice). POC: Mrs. Violeta Burgos [violeta.burgos@comcast.net](mailto:leta.burgos@comcast.net)

Pilgrim Divine Mercy Statue: POC: Community Coordinator

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC): Open to all women in the community 18 years and older; active duty, retiree, and civilian. Join us for prayers, faith study, fellowship, and service/outreach. We meet for prayers and faith study every Tuesday at 10 am to 12 pm at the Main Post Chapel. We also meet for outreach and fellowship at our evening program on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Chapel Center.

POINTS OF CONTACT: Mrs. Kristina Pagan kristinaelaus@gmail.com

Music Ministry: We sing at the Sunday 9 am Mass at Chapel Center. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the Argonne Hills Chapel Center.

POC: Alex Gogue asgogue@gmail.com; website: www.olpmusic.org

Catholic Men of the Chapel (CMOC): Open to all men of the chapel 18 years old and older-active duty, retiree, and civilian. We will collect your non-perishable donation for Sarah’s House during Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month. We thank you in advance! POC: Joshua Coe joshua.coe11@yahoo.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact Father Arek at arkadiusz.z.ochalek@mail.mil Melissa Weeks at weeksm@live.com or our Religious Education Coordinator, Ms. Sheila Stewart at sheila.m.stewart.civ@mail.mil for more information.

Youth Ministry: We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Main Post Chapel. We’ll be building friendships and community, and strengthening our faith and understanding of the Catholic religion with activities, food, and teachings using media and scriptures.

Youth Mass: On the first Sunday of the month, the 9:00 am Mass is youth-oriented. Youth are invited to serve as Mass greeters, lectors, ushers, altar servers, music, and gift bearers.

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