

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 15, 2022



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Acts 14:21-27

**Second:** Revelation 21:1-5a

**Gospel:** John 13:31-33a, 34-35

**FOCUS:** Jesus commands us to love one another.

Jesus wants us to love as he loves. Our faithfulness and attentiveness to right and wrong, to holiness and to the practice of faith are important. Yet Jesus furthers our understanding of following him by making clear the greatest commandment of every disciple: To love as he loves.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

In the first reading, Paul and Barnabas continue their work and encourage the others to persevere in their faith.

In the second reading, John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth where God dwells with his people and wipes the tears from their eyes. He proclaims: Behold, I make all things new. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he loves them.



## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Charles Quinn, Nancy Wood and Tony & Cathie Raia

9 a.m.: Joe Britto, Bob Coulter and Nicolas Sanabria

11 a.m.: Eric Harlow, Joan Fradley and Jack Hoag

## CALL TO JUSTICE

### From Nazi death camp to sainthood

Priest, professor, rector, journalist, mystic, linguist, member of the Carmelite order, martyr of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Among the many titles that Titus Brandsma carries before his name, only one will prevail after May 15 – that of saint. Pope Francis will canonize him along with nine others, presenting Blessed Brandsma to the world as a spiritual model, especially for those who live under authoritarian rulers. Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm., Prior Provincial of our Carmelite Province of St. Elias, will not only be in attendance but will bring up the gifts at the Mass. Fr. Michael Driscoll, O.Carm., whom Fr. Brandsma healed, is in Rome, too.

Fr. Brandsma lived between 1881 and 1942, when he was killed with a lethal injection at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany – the first camp established by the Nazi regime. Born to a humble, devout Catholic family in rural Frisia in northern Netherlands, he became a Carmelite priest and a teacher.

Fr. Brandsma was a renowned Dutch intellectual, whose written works Fr. Michael was drawn to decades ago. Fr. Brandsma was also an icon of resistance to the Nazi occupation both in academia and in the press. Arrested in January 1942, the Carmelite friar was put to death six months later, on July 26.

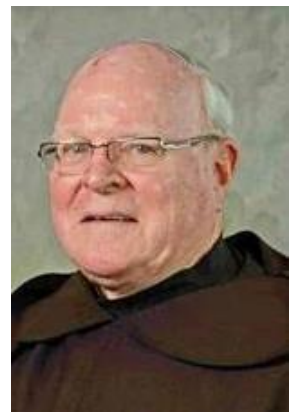
Fr. Brandsma was beatified in 1985 by St. John Paul II. "Valorous journalist, imprisoned and killed in a death camp for his strenuous defense of the Catholic press, he remains the martyr of freedom of expression against the tyranny of dictatorship," said John Paul II in a meeting with journalists in 1996. "Truth is the indissoluble ally of freedom of expression, and therefore the main coefficient of progress in all areas of human life."

Fr. Michael's story was at the center of a six-year investigation of Blessed Brandsma's sainthood cause. Vatican officials declared the unexplained healing of Fr. Michael's metastasized melanoma a miracle.

Fr. Michael has said he touched a relic from Fr. Brandsma's Carmelite habit to his head and neck and prayed for his intercession.

For easy access to the America Magazine article, visit our website, [www.stpaulsbullville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org), click on "Read More" under "A Call to Justice" on the home page and double click on the article(s) you wish to read.

(An online article from Catholic News Service in The Dialog provides additional information.)

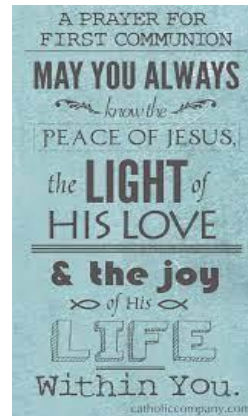




## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At the Sacrament of First Eucharist, reverence and adorableness meet. That quintessential combination is powerful enough to rise above a rainy Saturday morning, which it did last weekend for our youngsters. The day was nothing less than beautiful – made even more special because the children were able to receive the Sacrament once again at St. Paul’s after a two-year hiatus.

We applaud our families for their support, our catechists for their dedication and our children on this most holy occasion.



## Congratulations!

Mia Ammendola  
 Scott Beaver  
 Sebastian Beaver  
 Thomas Britto  
 Anna Decker  
 Lily Depew  
 Leyla Diaz  
 Brianna Edmunds  
 Molly Forbes  
 Bailey Gallagher  
 Greyson Hall  
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 Jerry Leo  
 Joseph Levato  
 Laylanni Mercado  
 Xavier Szigethy  
 Allie Thompson  
 Abigail Velasquez

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*“He who wants to win  
 the world for Christ  
 must have the courage  
 to come in conflict with it.”*

*-St. Titus Brandsma  
 (canonized on May 15, 2022)*

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## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Tom and Maryann Manza upon the death of his mother, Mary. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

**May 1-8: Totaled \$ 6,769.62**

Envelopes: \$ 2,853.00 – Online: \$ 3,916.62

**Additional Easter (envelopes): \$ 115.00**

THANK YOU

## CARDINAL’S APPEAL UPDATE

Stay tuned. We anticipate being able to share some very good news with you next week.

## IN THE LOOP



Those Gremlins were at it again, messing with the May calendar! **Mass next Sunday, May 22, is NOT at 10 a.m., but at 9 and 11 a.m.,** the times to which we have returned.



In the church vestibules you will find short, neon orange forms on which to update your **contact information.** Emails change; landlines get replaced by cell phones – and cell phone numbers change, too. This impacts our ability to communicate with you!

So please take a moment to answer those few questions and drop the form in the collection box or return it to the office. If you prefer, you can update your information via our website ([www.stpaulsbullyville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullyville.org)). Go to “About Us” in the menu bar and then to “Contact Us” in the drop-down.

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