

MAY 2, 2021

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS. 9: 26-31. Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.
PSALM 22. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
1 JOHN. 3: 18-24. This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love.
JOHN. 15: 1-8. I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

GOD'S WORD TODAY: The harvest of the Word within us. The Easter season speaks to us of the eternal presence of Christ in our midst, present to us in the Word we have heard and has taken root in our hearts. Our faithfulness to the call of discipleship demands that we work to enable that Word within us to produce a "yield" of compassion, forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation. In the "fruit" we bear as "branches" of Christ we glorify God the "vine-grower."



Mass Intentions

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY-5/3

8:00 A.M.

Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

TUESDAY-5/4

8:00 A.M.

Stan Slovinsky (Barbara Slovinsky)

Easter Weekday

WEDNESDAY-5/5

8:00 A.M.

Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Easter Weekday

THURSDAY-5/6

8:00 A.M.

Mae Tolerico (Joseph Tutsky)

Easter Weekday

FRIDAY-5/7-FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00 A.M.

Frank Musial (Walter & Marie Mills)

Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS

12:00 P.M.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CONCLUDES

SATURDAY-5/8

4:00 P.M.

Joseph Cicio (Mary Cicio & Family)

SUNDAY-5/9-THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 A.M.

Linda Tomcykoski (M/M Frank Ryczak Sr.)

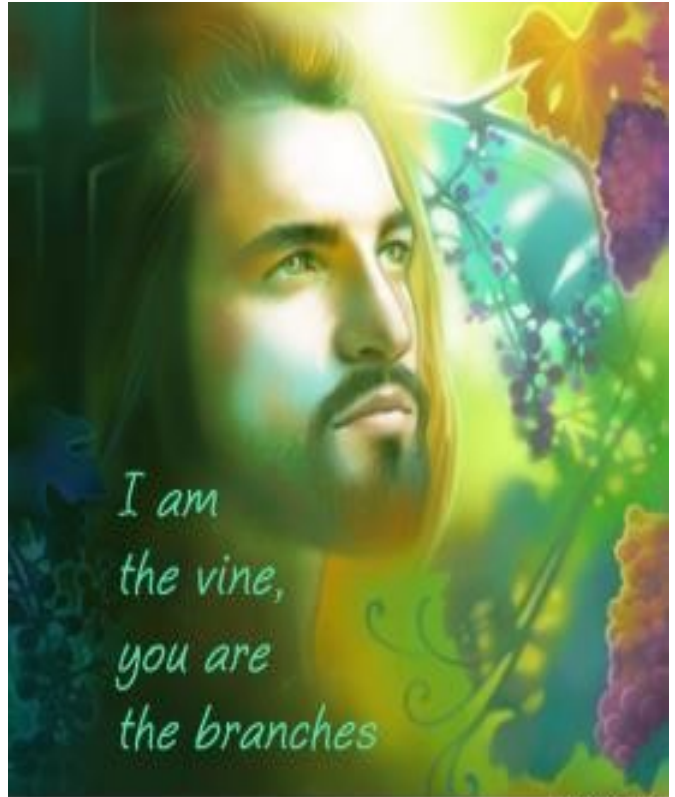
10:30 A.M.

Mother's Day Novena Intentions

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, The unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made In his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost Reverence and respect." *USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" ©2013 Liberia Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*



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OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MAY 2, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2,412.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$395.00
DUES/SALARY	\$130.00
EASTER	\$40.00
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS	\$102.00
INCOME=\$2,977.00	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=\$4,803.34	



COUNTERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

Mary Fran Smith
Sandra Mullen
Dorothy Perry

OUR SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Is for the Care & Education of Priests.



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA INTENTIONS:

During the Month of May, we will celebrate your intentions for our living and deceased Mother's. The envelope is found in your mailed packets.

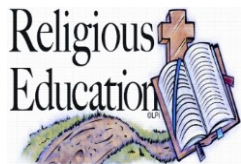


BEARING FRUIT:

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes us. For some there is danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in or parish, and so on.

But even those branches which are nearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce more. Today, Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Thank You for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish we raised **\$102.00** to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:
WEEKLY SCHEDULE CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
May 2-Fifth Sunday of Easter-LAST DAY OF CLASSES

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2021:

God Bless these young children who will receive the Lord for the first time today:

- Keira Adams
- Thomas Cain
- Athan Dragwa
- Samantha Finnegan
- David Munoz Gonzalez
- David Grossi
- Aveneah Hosie
- Lucy Kashuba
- Seamus Rude
- Teegan Rude



May God continue to guide these children in their journey of faith.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021:

Last Wednesday, April 28th the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambara D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton, confirmed 4 of our young adult CCD students:
Daniel *Andrew* Black
Shelby *Rosalia* Hoover
Gia *Ann* Serge
Noah *Gerald* Shaffer

May the Holy Spirit guide these young adults and may they always know the goodness of God.

SONNY SAYS: A small girl had just attended her first wedding. Asked how many husbands a girl can have, she earnestly answered, “Sixteen: four richer, four poorer, four better, four worse.”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Catholic Women’s Conference, Refresh Your Faith, will be held on June 19, 2021 at Marywood University campus. The event will take place in an outdoor tent on the campus. The theme of With Merciful Love” will be addressed by keynote speakers, Father Chris Alar and Sister Virginia Joy. Taylor Tripodi will provide spiritual music. \$40 for live outdoor tent seating; \$20 for Virtual Live Streaming. For more information and to register, visit www.cwnepa.com

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

You’re in the homestretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. Bet she’s not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or to place her baby for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby’s mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn’t been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs.



CLEAN UP MONTH:

From April 18-May 22nd Jermyn citizens are asked to take time from their busy schedules to clean their particular section of

street, curb, & sidewalks of the winter’s dirt, rocks, and recyclables during this month. The goal is to have clean streets and curbs for the summer months, and especially for the upcoming Memorial weekend and Summer activities. Please bag refuse and place at the curb no more than 24 hours prior of your regular schedule trash pick-up day & recyclable containers for pick-up. Call the Borough Office (570) 876-0610 for brush pick-up after May 1st. Help keep Jermyn Clean & Beautiful!

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For Bishop Dougherty as he recuperates after a brief illness.

LASALLE ACADEMY ENROLLMENT:

Come be a part ofThe wonderful World of LSA!! LaSalle Academy in Jessup is now accepting registration applications for the 2021-2022 school year for students in Preschool 3 through 8th Grade. We invite you to visit us online at www.lsaelementary.org, like us on Facebook or call us at 570-489-2010 to explore and discuss all that LaSalle has to offer in a Faith-Filled, Safe and Academically Excellent family-oriented environment. Tuition Assistance Opportunities are available.

PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED

MOTHER:

Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God;
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
But deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

