

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

May 2, 2021

Mass Intentions

May	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	4	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	6	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	7	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	8	5:00 PM	Sharon Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
May	9	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Joyce Punchur requested by The Don Shaeffer Family

Liturgical Ministries May 8-9

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Pat Pray	Dominic Failor
10:30 AM	Noah Jenkins	Bill Davies	Robinson Family & Alexander Fordyce

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 9

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

May 16

The Rickard Family

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15: 9-17

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,598.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,043.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 2nd

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, May 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, May 4th

No Mass

Wednesday, May 5th

No Mass

Thursday, May 6th

No Mass

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, May 7th

No Mass

Saturday, May 8th

No First Saturday Mass

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 9th (Mother's Day)

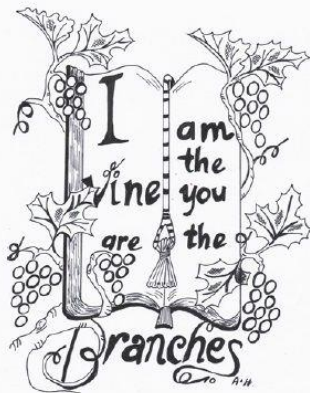
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**“I am the vine; you are the
branches... Those who abide in
me will bear much fruit.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with



a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell

discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Holy Eucharist. Through the Holy Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become redemptive and salvific acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with and love for Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni

Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Dave/Shirley Jenkins, Charlotte Smith, Marietta McQuaid, Cecilia McGarvey, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

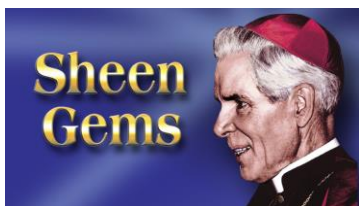
Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: denrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin:

www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st. Blessings to you on your First Communion. Through receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time, may they feel their union with Jesus today and every day as they live a life of faith dedicated to Him. By receiving the Most Holy Eucharist for the rest of their lives, they will be one with Jesus and live with Him one day in eternity. Congratulations! Please keep these young people in your prayers: **Bennett Albert, Liam Black, Christopher Harlan, Blake Hoffman, Emerson Jenkins, Celine Robinson, Dana Smith, Owen Ticehurst, and Avielle Zerance.**



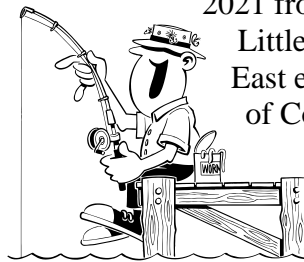
"Most of us love a non-self, or something extrinsic and apart from our inner life; but a mother's love

during the time she is a flesh-and-blood ciborium is not for a non-self but for one that is her very self, a perfect example of charity and love which hardly perceives a separation. Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood. She brings God to man by preparing the flesh in which the soul will be implanted; she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator."—

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Knights of Columbus Car Wash: Our Knights are hosting a "car wash" on Saturday, May 8th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in the lower church parking lot. You can have your car washed for an \$8.00 donation which will support the many works of charity the Knights do for our parish. Parish Youth looking for service hours are welcome to assist the Knights. For information, please call Grand Knight Joseph Oltheten at 717-789-2394.

Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby: On June 5, 2021 from 10AM to 2PM, at the Little Buffalo State Park, at the East end of the lake, the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual fishing derby. The Knights will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips.



Families are asked to bring a dessert. The contest is for the longest fish in each age group, and there is no charge to participants. Contestants should bring their own fishing gear and bait. An adult must accompany all contestants. Lunch will be served at noon. **Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

No Morning Mass: Morning Mass will not be celebrated this week in our parish church. Father Sharman will be home with his mother to see to her radiation treatments at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. Please continue to keep Charlotte in your prayers!

Honoring Mary during May: Why do Catholics honor Mary during the month of May? Not simply because it is a long spiritual tradition going back ages, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor. Our May crowning is scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd after the 8:00AM Mass. Come, join us!!