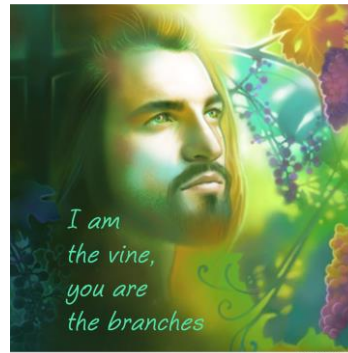


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April 28 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22)

SECOND READING: This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

GOSPEL: I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Today, the 5th Sunday of the Easter Season, we have another symbolic image of Jesus — that of a living, growing and nourishing vine. Those of you who garden regularly will understand the meaning. For those of you who do not, our hope is that you will take the time to learn what this is all about. All of the readings for today are concerned with belonging, nourishment and appreciation, something that we are all in need of. Life revolves around these needs and desires. Many people search high and low for them but do not find them. How sad because they are within our reach if we look in the right place, and that is in our own heart. These precious gifts are not "out there." They must come from within ourselves when, and only when, we are connected to the "vine," Jesus Himself. So you might give some thought to whether or not you are connected to Jesus and if not, why not? Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM
Lector

Saturday - May 4th
Volunteer

9:00AM
Lector:

Sunday - May 5th
Kevin Houghton

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 29th – May 5th)

MON 04/29 7:00AM. . . + Kathleen Paige – (Susan & Brian Ryba)
TUES 04/30 7:00AM. . . + Kathryn Gorczycki – (Eleanor Beltz)
WED 05/01 7:00AM. . . + Joan Loncar—(Kathy & John Suto)
THURS 05/02 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
FRI 05/03 7:00AM. . . For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
SAT 05/04 5:30PM. . . + Donald Fabian – (Steve & Nancy Miske)
SUN 05/05 9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

April 28, 2024

Stewardship Reflections:

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?' Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
April 20th & 21st, 2024**

Collection:

Weekly	\$	1,297.00
Building Fund	\$	5.00
Monthly	\$	5.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	5.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased
parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

REGINA CAELI – The Regina Caeli is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen



**The St. Therese Christian Mothers
Spring Flea Market.**

If you have items you would like to donate the times to drop off are 9AM – 12PM, April 29th, 30th & May 1st at the Social Hall. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition. Thank you!

Flea Market Days:
Friday May 3rd 9-12
Saturday, May 4th 9-12



CONGRATULATIONS

To **Aubrie Shingler** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday, April 18th at St. John Gualbert:

Congratulations and God's Blessing!

Catholic Ministries Drive - Encountering Christ.

Thank you to all the families who have pledged to date a total of **\$1,910** towards our target amount of **\$8,276**. Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne's Parish.



Strengthening the Church at Home

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds, religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

Community News & Events



Military Share Food Distributions

In partnership with Veterans Leadership Program and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank All veterans in need of food are welcome
Johnstown Military Share 12PM
April 29th, May 31st, and June 24th
727 Goucher St. Johnstown



Families and the Gospel – (John 15: 1-8)

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."