



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

April 25, 2021

Envelope Total: \$ 7,755

Electronic Giving: \$ 3,555

Week Total: \$11,310

2020—April 26 Masses suspended—pandemic

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

Using metaphoric language, Jesus describes himself as the true vine and God as the vine dresser. He insists that his followers stay connected to the vine so they can produce good fruit. What this requires is pruning away whatever gets in the way of that vital task.

What is taking up our time that produces no good fruit? Imagine what constructive and generative things we might be free to do if we pruned from our lives those habits that take the precious time God gives us and throw it away for no good purpose. Imagine the children and grandchildren for whom we could be better models. Imagine the people in grief and trauma who could use our hugs, our empathy and our presence.

So how do we remain joined with Jesus the vine? Well, one way is by doing what you're doing today—worshiping the triune God, for it is worship that reminds us week after week that our relationship with God must be "intimate" and "organic."

What will be the result of this steady relationship to Christ? We can be sure that when we dwell in Christ and Christ dwells in us, we will ask only for what Christ himself would want for us and for our world. So, let's move outside the walls of the church and produce the kind of fruit that will bring honor and glory to God.

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish, I wish to congratulate the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May your life continued to be enriched and nourished at the table of the Lord with his blessings always.

Turning to some financial news of the parish...

Easter Collection: Thank you all who gave and Easter gift to the parish to support the mission of Corpus Christi. We budgeted \$32,000 for Easter and, to date, we have collected **\$34,429**. If you still wish to make an Easter gift, we are taking contributions through Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Your generosity is inspiring.

3rd Quarter Report: The Church's annual budget runs July 1 to June 30, so we are in the homestretch of our current operating budget. Our Christmas and Easter collections were on track, and our Sunday collection average has been \$10,800 when \$10,100 is needed to reach budget. Because the parish was in transition when the 2021 budget was being formed, the Finance Council approved a projected \$63,000 deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30. It would be wonderful to close that gap in the last few months. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

Liturgical Restorations: I have received a wonderful response to restoring some liturgical items in the Church and Chapel. The sacristy in the Church is also in need of some renovation which I have included in our projects. Over the next few weeks I will be getting quotes on the items in need of restoration and renovation costs. Please contact me or call the Parish Center if you would like to donate towards these projects either in memory of a loved one or just as part of your legacy in the parish.

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



During this Easter Season, 77 children from our parish and school will celebrate First Eucharist on May 1st and May 8th at 11am and 1pm. I would like to thank the parents and family members who have been preparing their children at home this year for the sacramental celebrations. Sharing our faith is one of the most important things we can do for our children. May God continue to shower his blessings on all these young members of Corpus Christi Parish.

Verna Paiotti



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the Church and Chapel to remember living and deceased mothers. *Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes* will allow you to write in the names of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and "special moms" in our lives along with your donation. The envelopes will be placed on the altar to pray for all those remembered in a special way. The 6:30am Masses on May 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 & 21 will be offered for all the mothers listed on the Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.corpuschristihh.org, click on Electronic Giving to enroll. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.



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congratulates the children
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First Holy Communion
this weekend.
May God bless you always.**



Adoration has resumed. Please note the following:

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings **MUST** be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.
- ◆ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 5pm; Tuesdays 4pm, 6pm; Thursdays 3pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

National Day of
PRAYER
May 6

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

May 5, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our recent celebration of Easter once again brought into focus the hope of our Catholic faith – death and darkness do not have the last word. Christ has indeed risen! This joyous news compels us to be His witnesses in the world.

There is no question that the events of this past year have challenged us in ways we could never have imagined. Nevertheless, Christ's presence comforted, sustained, and motivated us to stay faithful to our call. As His disciples and members of the Archdiocese of Newark, we remain steadfast in the mission He has commended to us – to proclaim the Gospel, pass on the faith to the next generation, and care for the poor and marginalized.

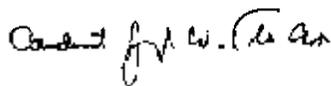
We are collectively fulfilling this mission in our parishes, and through programs and ministries that serve the faithful beyond the limits of our parishes. The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark ensures the continuation of these vital ministries.

I ask that you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. We are currently at 70% of our goal for 2021, and I know that through our shared commitment, we can achieve this goal and make a difference.

Please be assured that all contributions to the Annual Appeal will directly support the programs and ministries of this Archdiocese. You may visit our website at www.rcan.org/areas-support to learn about how your gift helps to sustain our programs and ministries.

Once again, thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel, your commitment to the future of our Church, and your stewardship. May the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, strengthen our resolve to serve God's people ever more faithfully.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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MASS INTENTIONS



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

ANTICIPATED MASS, MAY 1

5:00 PM +Rose & Julio Quagliero

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 AM +Julia & Charles Berhain
10:30 AM +Salem, Nayfe & Juliet Eid
12:00 NN +Genevieve Dougherty
6:00 PM +Anthony Niosi

MONDAY, MAY 3

6:30 AM +Camille & Quido Trause
8:00 AM +Michael Loscalzo

TUESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 AM +Ermela Gjonaj
8:00 AM +Mary Salmon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

6:30 AM +Patty Parrella
8:00 AM +Thomas Fitzpatrick

THURSDAY, MAY 6

6:30 AM +Mary Theresa Hoover
8:00 AM +Vincenzo Barricella

FRIDAY, MAY 7

6:30 AM +Mary Theresa Hoover
8:00 AM +Ethel Daleo

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM +Anna Safian

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM +David DeFedele

SUNDAY, MAY 9-MOTHER'S DAY

8:00 AM +Gertrude Kless & Family
10:00 AM +Dorothy J. Cocco
12:00 NN +Rose Romano
6:00 PM +Living & Deceased Mothers of the
Saavedra & Wojciechowski Families

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Dianne Mercurio** from Chelsea & Sylvia DeFelice.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Louis Castellitto

Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

"I am the true vine and you are the branches", says the Lord. "Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia."

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Co-neys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso

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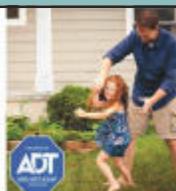
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