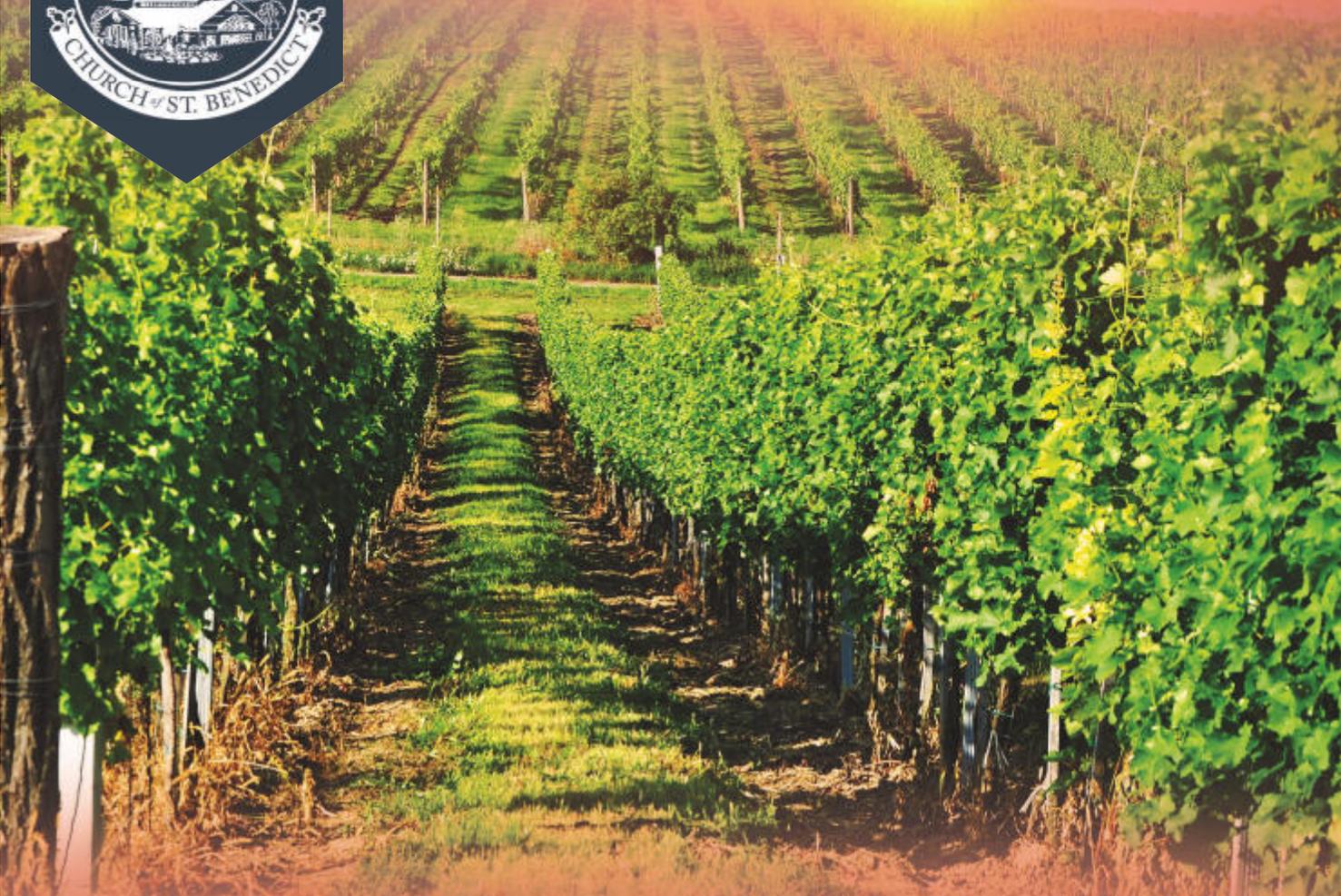


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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.” - Jn 15:1A

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# UPCOMING *celebrations*

**Next Weekend:**



## First Holy Communion *at St. Benedict's*

May 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)      May 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)  
10am & 12pm              10am & 12pm



## Confirmation *at St. Benedict's*

May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)      May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)  
10am & 12pm              10am & 12pm



## May: Month of Mary *Praying the Rosary*

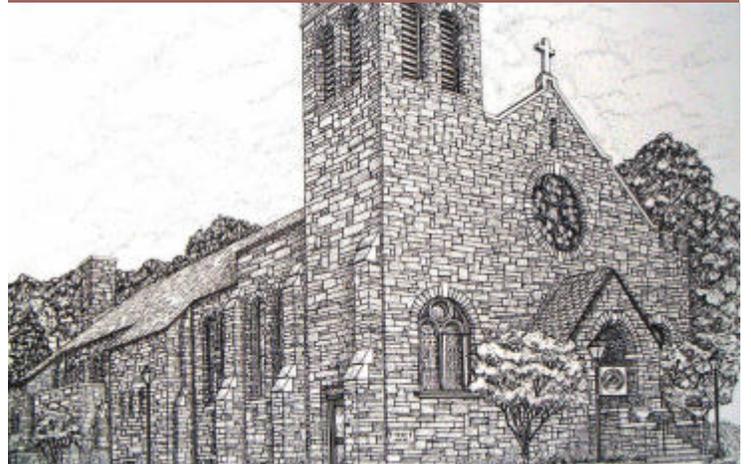
**Weekdays**  
12 noon, preceding daily Mass

**Weekends**

Together we will be praying two decades of the rosary prior to the start of each Sunday Mass.

# REMEMBERING

OUR BELOVED | MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>



### MONDAY | MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>                      Ss. PHILIP and JAMES

CSG / 8:00am      Raymond Castellano (*Mike & Katie Foy*)  
OLS / 12:10pm      Josef Nimmerfroh (*Patti Clarke*)

### TUESDAY | MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>                      EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am      Rose Mary Munshower (*Annette & Perry Rose*)  
OLS / 12:10pm      Leona DiVanna (*Tom & Rose Kamla*)

### WEDNESDAY | MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>                      EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am      Frank Natale (*Grambo Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm      Trudy Stroney (*Ann Ostrowski*)

### THURSDAY | MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>                      EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am      Patricia Martin (*Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm      Dee Clark (*Joanne & John Pesota*)

### FRIDAY | MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>                      EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am      Dr. Ted Stampien (*Marilyn Kelly & Richard Elwood*)  
OLS / 12:10pm      Joe Maria (*Arthur & Mary Claire Jordan*)

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 8-9

### SATURDAY | MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

CSB / 4:00pm      Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers  
OLS / 5:30pm      Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

### SUNDAY | MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

OLS / 7:00am      All Deceased Members of OLS Parish  
CSB / 8:00am      Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers  
OLS / 9:30am      Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers  
OLS / 11:15am      Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

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# THE SUNDAY CONNECTION

BRINGING SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

| GOSPEL MEDITATION

“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-checkered 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 real 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 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.



## Lord, HEAR OUR PRAYER

*Lord, make me an  
instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that  
we are born to eternal life.*

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FIRST READING

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

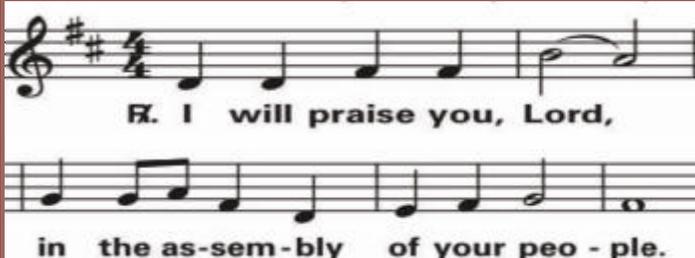
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118



I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your hearts live forever!" **R/.**

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him. **R/.**



## GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to His disciples:

"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 every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. 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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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### PROFESSION *of* FAITH

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

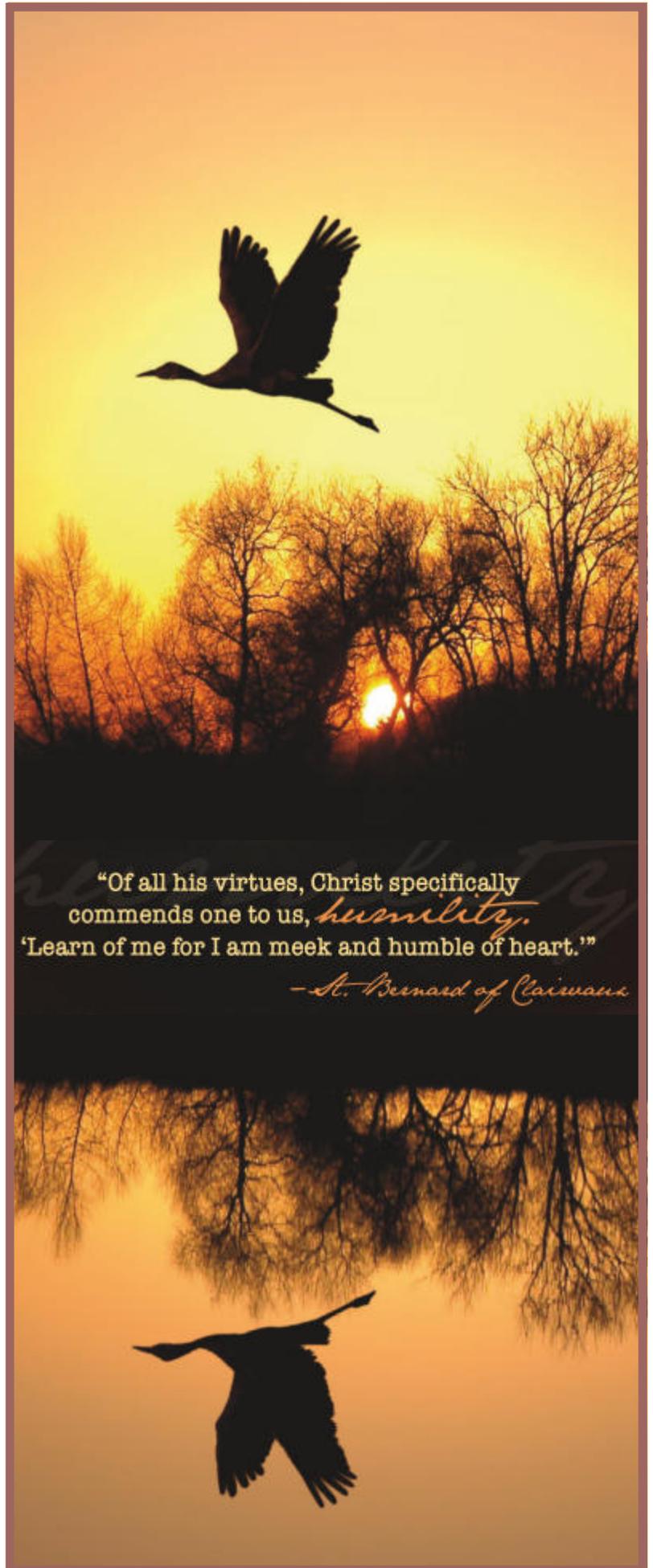
He ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with  
the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and  
I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**



# SPRING BIBLE STUDY

## CONTINUES EACH TUESDAY

The history of the Catholic Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith - the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing of our Catholic story helps provide meaning to the present, and the present determines the future.

With Group Leaders Irene Vauter and Carla Scofield, *Spring Bible Study* is now underway with **9:30am and 6:30pm sessions each Tuesday, ending on June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Participants meet weekly to view an engaging video followed by discussion. **There is still time to register.** If you have any questions, please contact Sue Burke, our Director of Faith Formation at 570-586-1741.

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For more information, please contact the Parish Center at (570) 586-1741



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 this year?*



Then consider joining us for this year's **2021 Wedding Anniversary Mass**, set for **June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm** at **St. Peter's Cathedral** in Scranton. The Mass will be celebrated by Most. Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., Bishop of Scranton.

The Mass will air live on CTV and the Diocesan social media platforms. Family members and those anniversary couples not attending in-person are invited to participate in the Mass from home.

Considering the recent stresses of the coronavirus pandemic, this is a valuable opportunity for all married couples to pause and reflect upon the beauty of the vocation of marriage in our lives and to our church.

**To register, please call Sue Burke at the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.**

Get ready  
 to be set

# ABLAZE

at the **2021 NCYC**

**November 18-20, 2021**

*Participate in-person or virtually*

Calling all teens! Prepare to encounter Christ, experience Church, and be empowered for discipleship in a distinctly Catholic way at the **2021 National Catholic Youth Conference** in Indianapolis, IN.

The Diocese of Scranton will once again make the pilgrimage to NCYC 2021 this November 18-20! For information, contact Sue Burke in the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.

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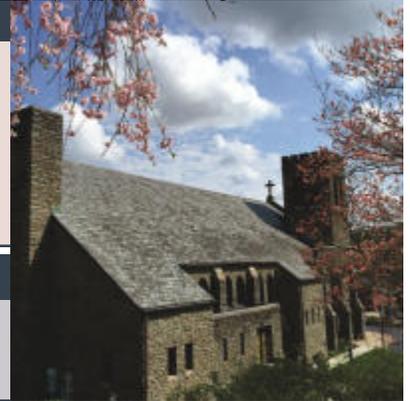
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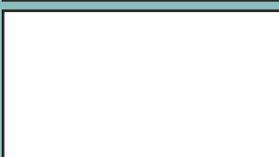
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