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Fifth Sunday of Easter

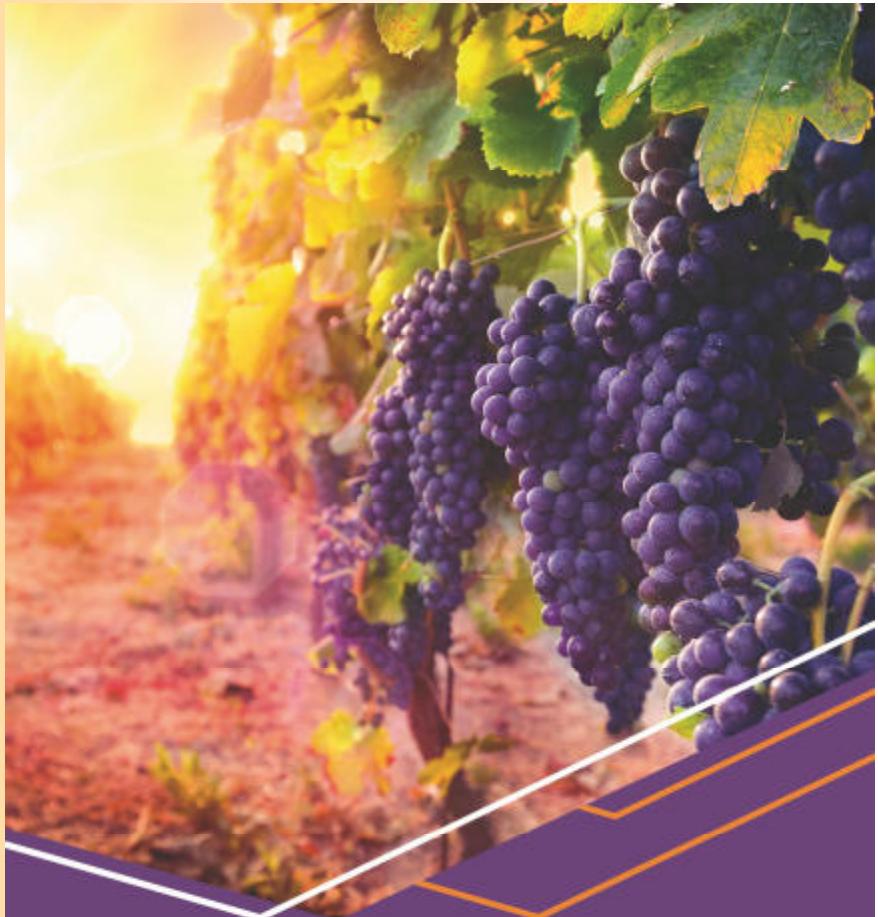
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM
or by appointment

St. Basil's Church will be open
during daylight hours for
people to pray individually.



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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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus. (Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER
IS THE BRIDGE
BETWEEN PANIC
AND PEACE.

Reflection

The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (9:26-31). Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

The Responsorial Psalm (22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32) The whole world shall praise the Lord.

The Second Reading is from the first Letter of St. John (3:18-24). God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (15:1-8). “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 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.

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Readings

Monday ~ STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

I Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Congratulations Isaiah Bohensky who received his First Holy Communion on April 24th! May Jesus in the Eucharist continue to be his special friend!



Mother's Day Beef Dinner

Friday, May 7th ~ 4 - 7 p.m. or gone
at St. Basil's Hall, Dushore, PA
ADULTS: \$10 AGES 6-12: \$5 UNDER 6: FREE

MOTHERS EAT FOR FREE!

*Roast Beef • Coleslaw • Vegetable
Dinner Roll • Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Applesauce • Homemade Desserts*

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-TAKE-OUT RECOMMENDED -

Social distancing and face masks are required.
Everyone welcome. Proceeds benefit charitable activities.

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Desserts are needed for the Beef Dinner on May 7th. Thank you!

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, May 1

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Mary Hornick by the Borsas*

Sunday, May 2

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Michael Fluck by Joe & Diane McDonough*

Monday, May 3

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Paul Burgess by James Bigger*

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Norm & Helen Taylor by Joe & Diane McDonough*

Thursday, May 6

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Tony Waldron by Todd Bartholomew*

Friday, May 7

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Martin & Beatrice Meehan by family*

Saturday, May 8

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Lorraine Wanagitis by the Borsas*

Sunday, May 9

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mother's Day Mass Intentions*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mother's Day Mass Intentions*

In the kindness of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Gindelé, Carl Wagner, and Marjorie Blevins. As they shared in the suffering of Christ, so may they now share in the glory of the risen Savior in heaven.



Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The bulletin was sent in before the collection was counted. That collection will be included in the bulletin for May 9th.

*Please mail your offering to the parish office if possible.
Thank you!*

*Thank you for your generosity!
Storm Damage Fund Total*

\$178,175.41

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Total Offertory

\$239,879.92

Total Expenses

\$298,878.46

Storm Damage

\$46,185.00

Arrears (Debt)

\$18,350.00



Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Question & Answer

Is Gossip a Sin?

Question:
Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Appeal Update:

Our Parish Goal: \$38,000
Total Raised: \$24,256
Percentage of Goal Pledged
63.83% (125 out of 416 families pledged)

SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

HYMN TO JOY

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. Oh, what glo - ry, Far ex - ceed-ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re joic es: Je sus ives who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what

1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead-ing,
 3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n ly voic es;
 4. joy un - known, When, s - mid earth's clos - ing Thun - ders,

1. To the form - er days be - long, All a - round the
 2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
 4. Ssaints shall stand be - fore the thronel Oh, tn en - ter

1. clouds are break-ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
 2. Christ o - pares it, There on high our wel-come waits; Ev - ery
 3. dis - land a - gies, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ects,
 4. that bright por - ts, See that glow ing fir - ma - ment. Know, with

1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er last - ing peace.
 2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed hie - cer - nel gates.
 3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
 4. you, O God im-mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 47 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; W. Baer J. Dunn, 1813-1873; tr. Psalms and Hymns, 1873, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, edit. by Edward Hughes, 1756-1827.

PSALM 22: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sem - bly of your peo - ple.

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WE ARE MANY PARTS

Marty Haugen

Refrain:

We are many parts, we are all one bnd-y, and the

gifts we have we are giv-en to share. May the Spir-it of love

make us one in - deed; one, the love that we share, one, our

hope in de-spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses:

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
 3. All you seek-ers great and small, seek the greatest

to Refrain

1. ser-vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
 2. my joy, too; all is brought to - goth - er in the Lord.
 3. gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

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1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, spread the news a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be free from e - vil That we may see a - right
 3. His love is ev - er - last - ing; His mer - cies nev - er cease;
 4. Now let the heav'n's be joy - ful, And earth her song be - gin;

1. The Pas - chal feast of glad - ness, The Pas - chal feast of God.
 2. The Sav - ior res - ur - rect - ed In his e - ter - nal light,
 3. The res - ur - rect-ed Sav - ior, Will all our joys in - crease.
 4. The whole world keep high tri - umph And all that is there - in;

1. From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth to heav'en's height
 2. And hear his mes - sage plain - ly, De - liv - ered calm and clear:
 3. He'll keep us in his fa - vor, Sup - ply - ing ho - ly grace,
 4. Let all things in cre - a - tion Their notes of glad - ness blend,

1. Our Sav - ior Christ has brought us, The glo - rious Lord of Light.
 2. "Re - joice with me in tri - umph, Be glad and do not fear."
 3. To all his pil - grim peo - ple Who seek his heav'n - ly place.
 4. For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that has no end.

Text: 76 76 D; vss. 1, 2, 4, John of Damascus, 8th cent; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Vs. 3 © 1972, John Dunn. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt.; adapt. fr. Würth's Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

EASTER HYMN

1. Je sus Christ is ris'n to day,
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3. But the pains which he en-dured,
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
 3. Our sal - va - tion have pro cured;
 4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
 2. Who en - dured the cross and grave,
 3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
 4. Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
 2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluia; verse 1, Lazarus, 14th cent; para. in Ilya Davydov, 1709, alt.; verses 2-3, The Canticle (Taizé), ca. 1920, alt; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1785, alt.
Music: later form of melody fr. Ilya Davydov, 1709.

The Nicene Creed

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,

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.)

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 the 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.

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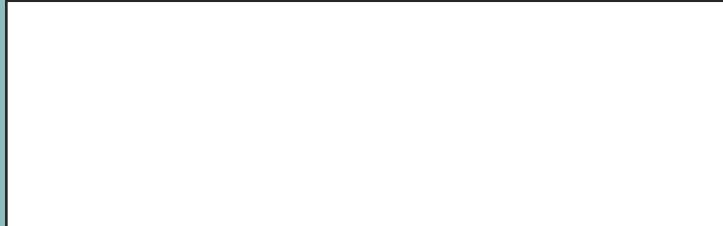
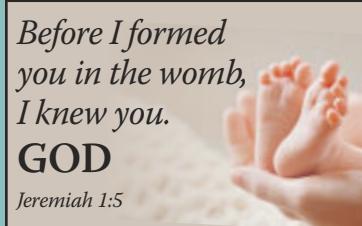
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