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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Mon. through Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Mon., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

Adoration: Thursday: 7:00 pm with
Thurs confession: 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat Confession: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

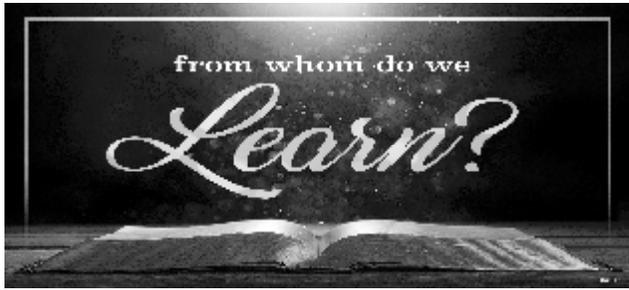
Baptisms and Weddings:
Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to schedule the date.

**5th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

"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." - Jn 15:5

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Fifth Sunday of Easter- May 2, 2021

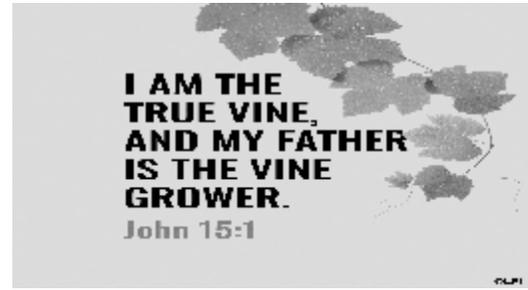


“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new 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. 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.

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.”



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

Readings of the Week

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/
Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
[cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/
Jn 15:12-17

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

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17



The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

May 2 - 8, 2021 Jack Brazil

Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to schedule a Mass intention or to arrange for the sanctuary lamp to be burned in memory of your loved one.

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 03 - 8:30 am - Bob Sherman by
the Percoski family

Tues., May 04 - 8:30 am - No Mass

Wed., May 05 - No Mass

Thurs., May 06 - 8:30 am - Doris O'Brien

Fri., May 07 - 8:30 am - Jose Teixeira by
Idalina Teixeira

Sat., May 08 - 5:00 pm - Eldon R. Munson III
by Gary & Cindy Cahoon

Sun., May 09 - 8:00 am - For all Parishioners
10:30 am - Bob Sherman



Adoration Thursday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

Pope Francis has also promoted Adoration throughout his pontificate. He told priests that they must teach the faithful how to adore in order to prepare them for what they will do in heaven. He said: "We know how to teach [our people] how to pray, sing, and praise God ... but to adore?"

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Offertory for April 24-25, 2021

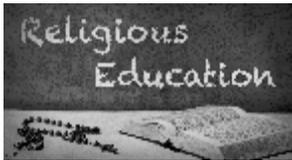
Offertory (93)	\$ 3,021.00
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The Youth Group has Returned!

The Youth Group will begin meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 30, 2021. The youth group is for young adults from grade 7 to college. Our first activity will be a "Capture the Flag" tournament. Come and have some fun!



Religious Education Signups

As we prepare to begin our Religious Education classes this fall, we ask that you help us in our planning by registering your children early for their classes. You can register after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays. Your help is greatly appreciated.

BY: SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 2, 2021

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May Crowning

The crowning of Mary's head with a crown as iconographical motif (painting, sculpture) can be traced back to the middle of the twelfth century (Reading Abbey, London, 1130/40; Quenington Church, Gloucestershire, 1140/1150).

In these English sculptures but also known in other countries Christ crowns his mother after her assumption into heaven. However, the beginning of the crowning of a Mary sculpture or image is much older, or more precisely we have at least one much older example, that of Pope Gregory III (731-741) who donated a golden diadem to crown a holy image located at St. Peter's, which represents not only Mary but also Christ and other saints.

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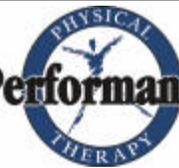


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