

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



5th Sunday OF EASTER

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

Mass Intentions

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, May 3	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Chester & Dora Baluta, by Children
Tuesday, May 4	8:30 AM	St. Martha	Edwin Micca, by Regina Magaleski
Wednesday, May 5	8:30 AM	St. Mary	For the People
Thursday, May 6	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, May 7	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, May 8	4:15 PM	St. Mary	For all Living and Deceased Mothers
Sunday, May 9	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	For all Living and Deceased Mothers
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	For all Living and deceased Mothers

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **May 18th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the children of our Parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: Shayla Pastuizaca, Michelle Pastuizaca, Jaun Pablo Pastuizaca, and Dallas Parsons. The children will receive their First Eucharist on Saturday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Candle for Mary: Keep Safe CDR Holly Yudisky, by Family

St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory of John Krupinski, by Wife, Norma

St. Mary BVM Candle: Birthday Blessings for John Matusek, by Children & Grandchildren

St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle: In Loving Memory of Henrietta Evina, by Son, Frankie

HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY— April 18, 2021 \$ 3,426.00

SOUP & MEATBALL SALE: St. Mary Church will be selling Piggie Soup for \$6.00 a qt, & Sauce with 4 meatballs for \$7.00 a qt. Please call Sandy at 57- 542-7730 or Marion at 570-864-3058. Pick up will be in the Church Hall on Saturday, May 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and after the 4:15 Mass,, and Sunday, May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon .

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation. Couples for whom their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary has occurred or will occur in 2021, should register directly for the celebration by going to: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/> . Or by calling Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 3rd**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242.

REGISTRATION and active participation in the Parish are the only means of identifying and certifying members of our parish. Registration and participation are important for the baptism of children, determination of status for tuition rates, testimonial letters regarding sponsorship for the Sacraments, records of donations, recommendations, etc. Attendance at Mass or having been baptized in this parish does not necessarily mean you are a registered member of the parish. If you are an adult 18 years of age or older, you need to be registered in your own right, even if you are living in your parents' home. Please call the parish office during regular business hours to register or to verify your parishioner sta-

LOTTERY WINNERS:

DATE	#	NAME	AMT.	DATE	#	NAME	AMT.
04/19/2021	388	No Winner	50.00	04/20/2021	792	Alby Zaborney	50.00
04/21/2021	571	Robert Shemanski	50.00	04/22/2021	823	Mary Jo Resavy	50.00
04/23/2021	606	Diane Pelczar	50.00	04/24/2021	535	Rebecca Bogucki	50.00
04/25/2021	339	Mary Anne Meeker	100.00				

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

IS GOSSIP A MORTAL SIN?

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

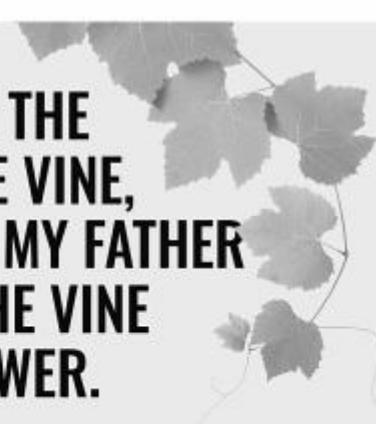
In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with 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.



**I AM THE
TRUE VINE,
AND MY FATHER
IS THE VINE
GROWER.**

John 15:1

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