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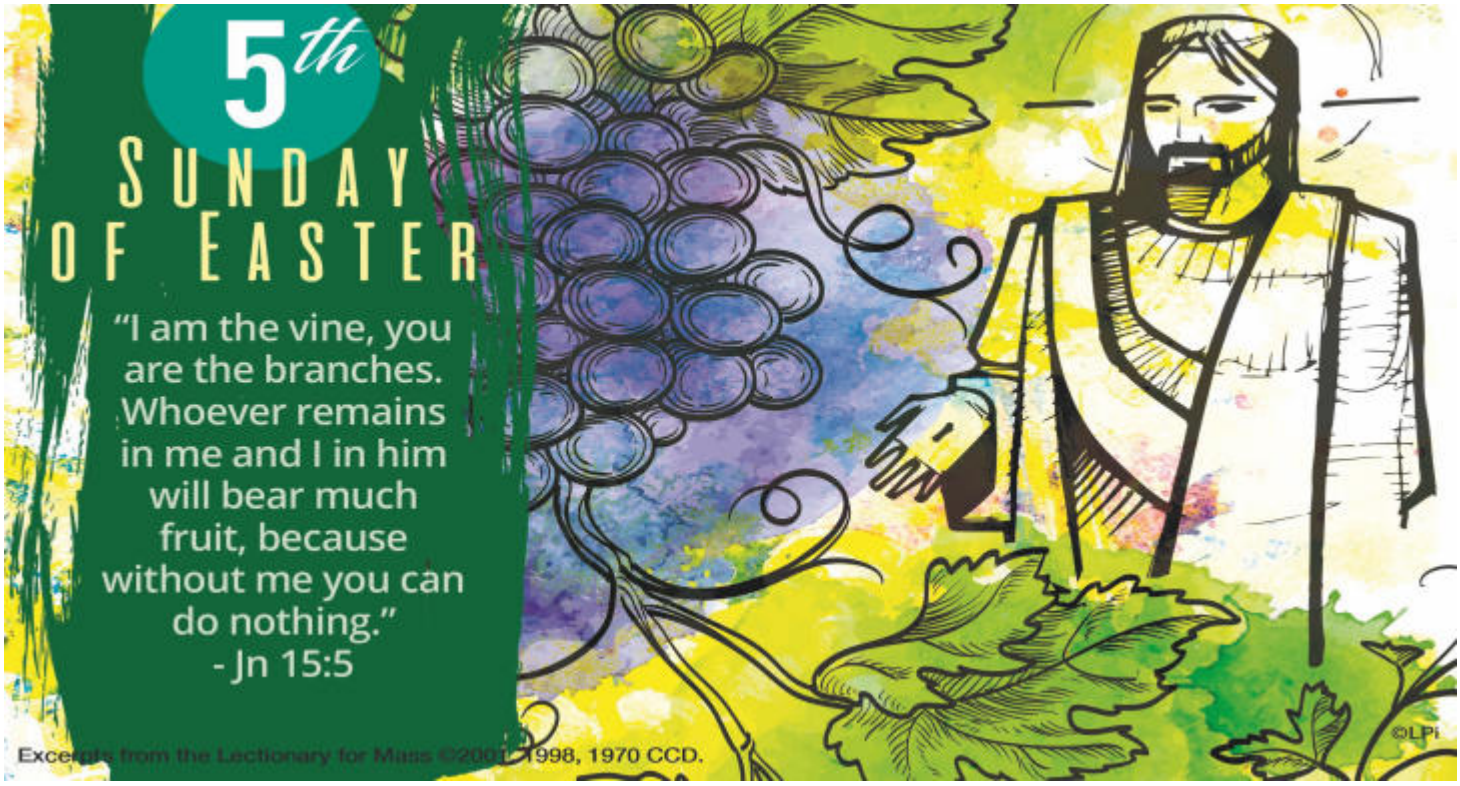

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs.

9:00am — 12 Noon, 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Friday : Closed

Mission Statement

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments, to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm	Saturday Evening
8:00am	Sunday Morning
11:00am	Sunday Morning

Daily Masses: 8:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Adoration: Thursday; 2-4pm

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

The Church is open Monday —Thursday, 9am — 4pm for private prayer

Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

God is Good, All the Time.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE

National Day of Prayer

When: Thursday, May 6, 2021
Time: 12 (noon) until 1:15pm
Where: Wayside Community Church
(Outside –parking lot)
1911 Mercer Grove City Rd.
Mercer, PA 16137

Instructions: We will purpose to hold this event outside. Those in attendance will be able to sit in their cars and/or as weather permits, we will have chairs available to sit outside. To help, you may bring a chair. If necessary, we will hold the NDP inside the church building. There is adequate space for social distancing. Severe weather, we will be inside the church!

The theme this year is: Lord pour out your love, life and liberty. **2 Cor. 3:17**

Any questions, please contact us!
Pastor Pam Schnelzer: 724-992-9196
Pastor Veda Holland: 724-992-3249

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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).

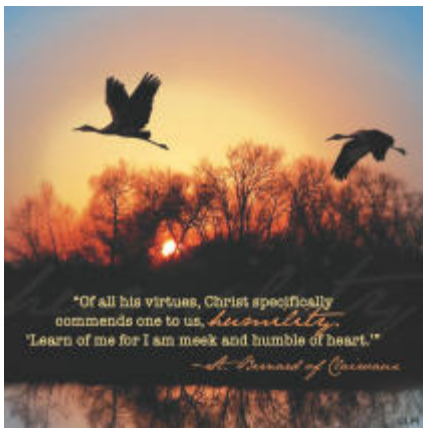
In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479). Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal 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.

Parish Prayer Opportunities:

Owen Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBD Evening Prayer 7:00pm May 3rd—May 7th
Meeting ID: 816 9742 7642 Passcode: 977121

Topic: CBD Rosary at Noon May 4th—May 6th
Meeting ID: 822 9730 8507 Passcode: 201859



Bible Studies On Line from Villa: On **Wednesday May 19, 2021** is an opportunity for Christians to reflect on Jewish history using video resources from various scholars and insight from presenters. In this way we will deepen our appreciation of a Torah tradition that is at the core of Jewish life, which formed Jesus as a Jew, and which is the root of our biblical heritage as Christians. Join us in this fascinating journey. Topic of this session will be: **Rabbi Moses Maimonides & How Moses Influenced Our History** Video: Dr. Henry Abramson, Dean of Touro Collage in Brooklyn, NY and specialist in Jewish history and thought. No registration needed. All sessions **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT** Please join us as we learn our bible. **Go to Zoom.com** Meeting ID: 827 9082 9323 Passcode: 091656

Are you having difficulty scheduling your COVID-19 vaccine appointment? If the answer is YES, please contact Tina Reed at AGH, Grove City and she can help you out. 724.450.7002

A Family Perspective Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit.

Marriage Moment "Screens" (TV, computers, cell phones…) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. May 3-9 is Screen Free Week (https://commercialfreechildhood.org/sfw-21-save-the-date/) Although this is often directed to children, it starts with you and your beloved. Can you spend a day without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

Kids Stuff Sale:

Little Disciples Preschool and Prekindergarten will hold their Kid's Stuff Sale this year on May 7th and 8th from 8 am till 12 noon. We are accepting donations of gently used kids things: such as clothing, games, sports equipment, bikes, DVD's, kids toys, books, furniture, baby items, high chairs, beds etc. Your donations are welcome Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 12:00 beginning April 12th through May 6th. If you have any questions or need another time to drop off your items please contact Lorie at (814) 786-8835.

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Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, May 3

8:00am John Bellizia — Mike and Chris Brown

1 COR 15: 1-8, JN 14: 6-14

Saints Philip and James, apostles

Tuesday, May 4

8:00am Patrick Kearney — Brian and Sally Kearney

ACTS 14: 19-28, JN 14: 27-31

Wednesday, May 5

ACTS 15: 1-6,JN 15: 1-8

Thursday, May 6 (Adoration 2-4pm)

8:00am Sister Marie Larkin and Mount St. Scholastica — Carolyn Patterson

ACTS 15: 7-21, JN 15: 9-11

USA: National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 7

8:00am In Reparation to the Sacred Heart — Maureen Walsh

ACTS 15: 22-31, JN 15: 12-17

Saturday, May 8, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30pm For the Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

ACTS 16: 1-10, JN 15: 18-21

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 10: 25-26; 34-35; 44-48, 1 JN 4: 7-10, JN 15: 9-17

8:00am For the Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

11:00am For the Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish

Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion. You are to continue to wear face masks while in the Communion line. Please step to the side and remove your mask before receiving Eucharist.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

"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.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

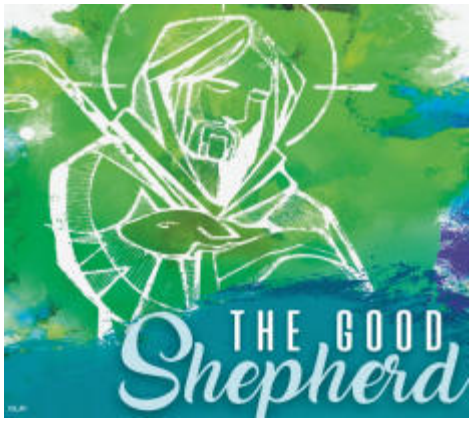
Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"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* ©LPi

Sunday's Readings — Questions of the Week

First Reading: Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today? **Second Reading:** John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command? **Gospel:** Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

Sunday's Reading: First Reading: 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. (ACTS 9:26) **Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (PS 22) **Second Reading:** 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. (1 JN 3:23 **Gospel:** "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)



THANK YOU FROM THE PRIESTS

Last weekend, our parish took a second collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. Despite these difficult economic times we appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs. Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing, $2497.00 to the Good Shepherd Collection for Erie Diocesan Retired Priests If you would like to add your support to this collection you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd in upcoming collections or mail to the Parish Office. You may also send to Office of Finance for the Diocese of Erie, please make notation for Good Shepherd Collection on the check or envelope. The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Erie has an Endowment for Clergy Health and Welfare if you would like to remember a special priest with a gift or bequest to this Diocesan Endowment to benefit our priests.

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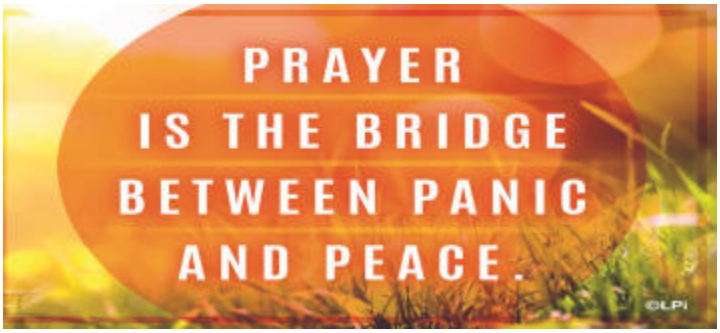

New to our Community? Join our Parish!
Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued an appreciated.

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Sacrificial Giving the Week of April 25, 2021

Online Giving is Available
Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.

Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 352
Envelopes Used: 68 Online Givers: 28

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00
Weekly Budget: 11,149.50
Our Total: 4608.50
Offertory — 3212.50
Loose — 276.00
Monthly — 1105.00
Sister Parish — 25.00
Capital Needs — 15.00
Good Shepherd — 1950.00

We have only met 41% of our budget.

Thank you so much for your continued generous support!

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 6:

I am developing quite beautifully now. At 1 1/2 to 2 pounds and 12 inches long, I am twice as big as I was last month. I am sitting up most of the time to accommodate the final movement of all my internal organs. From 26 weeks, babies exhibit a whole range of typical baby behavior and moods, including scratching, smiling, crying, hiccupping, and sucking. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. Don't forget to pray for my mother and me. "The values of Christianity are unalterably opposed to the modern secular culture of choice." Pope John Paul II

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