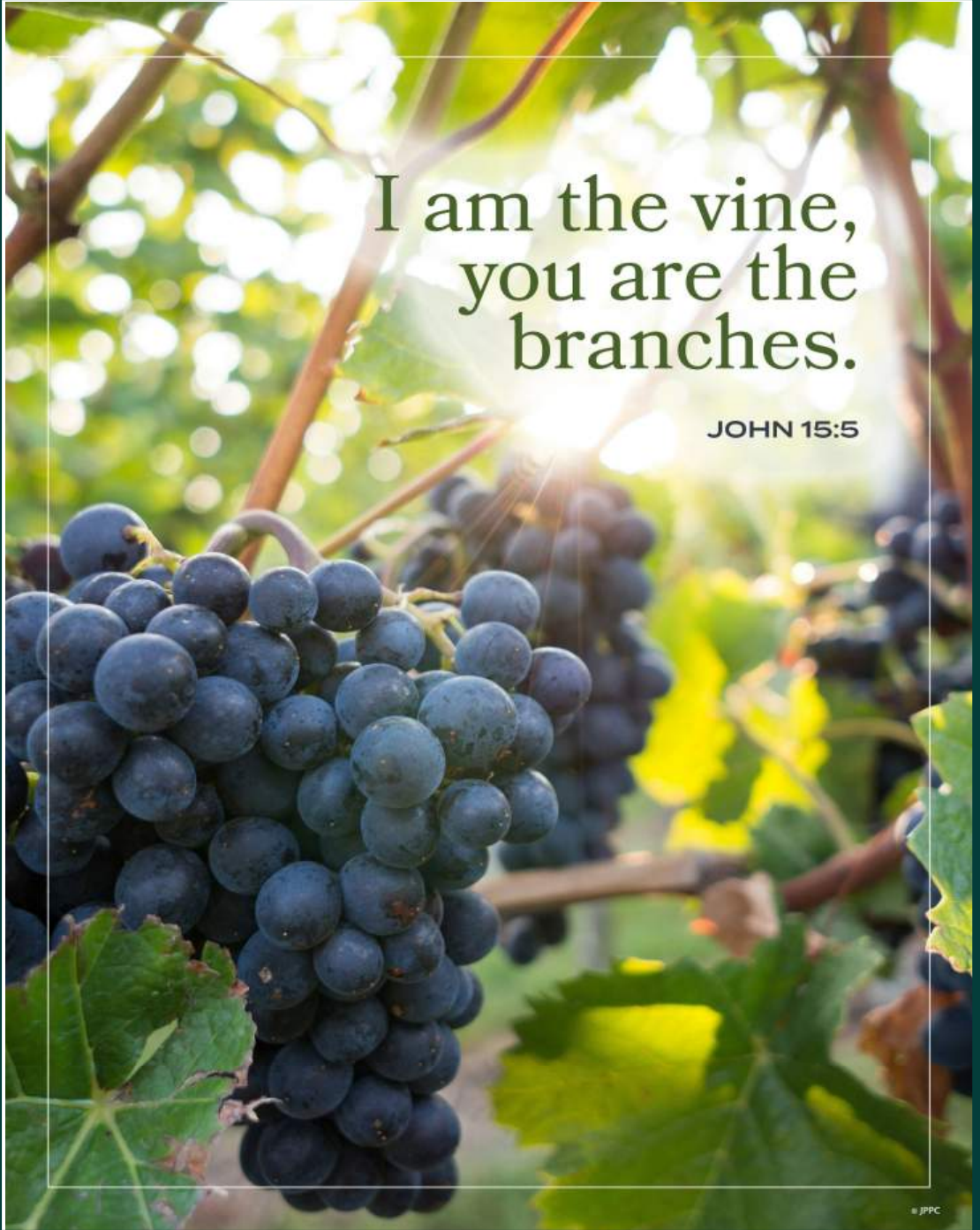


# Saint Mary Parish

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



I am the vine,  
you are the  
branches.

JOHN 15:5

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9am –2:00 pm, Mon. – Thurs.; 9am-Noon on Fridays

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

**FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE**

† **From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, pope — *Christ the good shepherd***

I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

† **From the book *On the Holy Spirit* by Saint Basil the Great, bishop — *The Spirit gives life***

Our Lord made a covenant with us through baptism in order to give us eternal life. There is in baptism an image both of death and of life, the water being the symbol of death, the Spirit giving the pledge of life. The association of water and the Spirit is explained by the twofold purpose for which baptism was instituted, namely, to destroy the sin in us so that it could never again give birth to death, and to enable us to live by the Spirit and so win the reward of holiness. The water into which the body enters as into a tomb symbolizes death; the Spirit instills into us his

Sunday, 4/28	Monday, 4/29	Tuesday, 4/30	Wednesday, 5/1
7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5pm Masses 6:30pm United Youth	8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass	8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Silent Nature Walk for Women	8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir

**FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE**

life-giving power, awakening our souls from the death of sin to the life that they had in the beginning. This then is what it means to be born again of water and the Spirit: we die in the water, and we come to life again through the Spirit.

To signify this death and to enlighten the baptized by transmitting to them knowledge of God, the great sacrament of baptism is administered by means of a triple immersion and the invocation of each of the three divine Persons. Whatever grace there is in the water comes not from its own nature but from the presence of the Spirit, since baptism is not a cleansing of the body, but a pledge made to God from a clear conscience.

As a preparation for our life after the resurrection, our Lord tells us in the gospel how we should live here and now. He teaches us to be peaceable, long-suffering, undefiled by desire for pleasure, and detached from worldly wealth. In this way we can achieve, by our own free choice, the kind of life that will be natural in the world to come.

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, we ascend to the kingdom of heaven, and we are reinstated as adopted sons. Thanks to the Spirit we obtain the right to call God our Father, we become sharers in the grace of Christ, we are called children of light, blessing is showered upon us, both in this world and in the world to come. As we contemplate them even now, like a reflection in a mirror, it is as though we already possessed the good things our faith tells us that we shall one day enjoy. If this is the pledge, what will the perfection be? If these are the first fruits, what will the full harvest be?

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**ST. MARY BOOK GROUP** welcomes all adults! "Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book" (St. John Bosco). With that in mind, our next book is Saint John Bosco by F. A. Forbes. Read about the founder of the Salesian Society, whose life was filled with remarkable events, including prophetic dreams, protection by a mysterious dog, and miraculous cures. Meet with our friendly book group on **Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm**, in the Quiet Room to share your insights. Books are available for purchase through [tanbooks.com](http://tanbooks.com) and other bookstores.

The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at [dnkeener@diobpt.org](mailto:dnkeener@diobpt.org).

The **ST. MARY YOUTH CHOIR** is in full swing and always looking for new members in grades 2 and up. They sing once a month and rehearse every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Father McGivney Hall. For more info contact Leanna Hinger at [YouthChoir.StMary@gmail.com](mailto:YouthChoir.StMary@gmail.com).

The **ST. MARY ADULT CHOIR** practices in Father McGivney Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9pm. If you are interested in being part of our Parish Choir, please call the Parish Office.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **May 11**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **YOUNG ADULT** group (ages 21-35) meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. Look them up on Instagram at [avemarie1882](https://www.instagram.com/avemarie1882).

For those who cannot walk up to the Altar during Mass, please sit in the middle of the Church back section. This will make it easier for the Priest or Deacon to find you.

Thursday, 5/2	Friday, 5/3	Saturday, 5/4	Sunday, 5/5
8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass	8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass	8:20am Rosary 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 4:30pm Mass	7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5pm Masses 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm United Youth

## AROUND THE PARISH



**May Devotions** to the Blessed Mother will take place on Mondays in May at 7:00pm in the Church.

*Please Join us for*

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

each Saturday between 3pm and 4pm. We will also have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Sunday of the Month between the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses.



#### **Offertory for the Weekend of April 20/21, 2024**

Collection: \$6,211.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,664.00

#### **Offertory for the Weekend of April 22/23, 2023**

Collection: \$7,980.00 On-Line Giving: \$4,485.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**

**THE NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM'S SPRING SESSION** will begin soon at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield. The sessions will be on Thursday afternoons, 2-3 pm, April 11-June 6. New Day is a faith-based non-denominational bereavement ministry that meets for 9 weeks to discuss an array of topics designed to help you journey through the grief of whatever loss you may be facing. Meetings take place in a small group setting and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. The program is free but registration is required. Visit [Ctcemeteries.org/newday](http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday) or call Carolyn at 203.404.0023 to submit a Program Inquiry Form.



Are you:

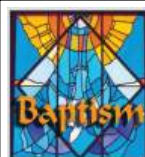
- A person who has not been baptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life and have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus?
- A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?
- A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or rediscover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The RCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church. Our new sessions are **from 12:30-2:00pm in the Notre Dame Center** every Sunday thereafter. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the RCIA program, call (203)744-5777 or email Deacon Eric Keener at [dnkeener@diobpt.org](mailto:dnkeener@diobpt.org).



#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*I — Thomas Panzica & Samantha Wentz*



#### **God Bless those recently Baptized**

*Lydia Iris Robinson*



Open to all students in 6th, 7th & 8th grade!  
\$250 per student  
\$100 per chaperone

Wednesday  
July 10th -  
Saturday  
July 13th

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP**

Join us for 4 days of living in community, service work, daily Mass and prayer, daily challenges, shared meals, games, and fun activities all to bring our Catholic mission to life!



This is the perfect opportunity for middle schoolers to come to understand what it means to be part of the Catholic family using our actions to affect change and bring the love of Christ to others.

Mary Ferri at (203)744-5777 or email at [stmaryoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stmaryoffice@comcast.net)



**CROSS ROADS**


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**Religious Ed Office**  
hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9:30am-2pm (203)743-



**Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents**

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.


A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

Please join us. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents**  
At Convent of St. Birgitta  
4 Runkenhage Road, Darien  
**One-Day Spiritual Retreat**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
9:30am-7:30pm

For more information or to register,  
<https://ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/emmaus-ministry/>  
Call Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023  
or  
Nancy Bentley at 203-404-0820  
if you would like more information


Next retreat:  
Saturday, December 7,  
same location



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Diocese of Bridgeport  
Catholic Cemeteries

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**



**For the formation of religious and seminarians** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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# St. Mary School

**REGISTRATION** for the 2024-25 school year is open for all grades, PreK 3 to Grade 8. Please apply as soon as possible, as waitlists are anticipated in many grades. To inquire and set up a tour, please visit [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org).

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:** St. Mary School is excited to announce the availability of two scholarships for new students entering grades Kindergarten to 8:

"The Chosen" Scholarship is new for 2024-25 and will be awarded to a new student with demonstrated financial need and for whose family Catholic faith and education are a priority. "The Chosen Scholarship" and the returning "St. Jude Scholarship" are each valued at \$6,500 (one full year's tuition). These scholarship have been provided through the generous donations of faithful supporters of Catholic education and friends of St. Mary School. The scholarships may be awarded individually in full, or partial scholarships may be awarded to multiple students.

Consideration will be given to families who demonstrate both financial need and a strong desire for their child to receive the gift of a Catholic school education. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2024.

Please visit [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org) for application information.

For questions, please contact Linda Garvey, Enrollment Director, at [Lgarvey@stmarybethelct.org](mailto:Lgarvey@stmarybethelct.org).

Please visit us on [FACEBOOK](#) ("St. Mary School, Bethel" and [INSTAGRAM](#) ("stmaryschoolbethel")



Our next meeting is May 13 at 7pm in Fr. McGivney Hall.

The **Knights of Columbus** are a Catholic men's fraternal ministry. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. If you are at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Email [gkofpavia@gmail.com](mailto:gkofpavia@gmail.com) for more information. Like us on [Facebook.com/Pavia48!](https://www.facebook.com/Pavia48/)

## • UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY •

A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

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*United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.*

## St. Pauly Used Clothing Drop Off Shed



**Located by the Hall Parking Lot area**

- \* Please put all clothes in plastic bags no larger than tall kitchen bag size
- \* Please tie bags shut
- \* Never put in loose clothing
- \* No household goods, toys, fabric scraps or pillows

## Silent Nature Walks for Women

Do you find it hard to feel God's presence in this hectic, noisy world? Join like-minded women on a 30 minute, silent meditation walk in God's beauty for a chance to open your heart and mind to His message.

Our walk will open with a prayer, followed by 20 minutes of silent walking in nature, allowing us to be present and able to hear God speaking to us. We will close with an opportunity for anyone to share how God's presence was felt during our walk.

Bring your prayer intentions and leave your cell phones and distractions behind.

We will meet:

Tuesday's at 5:00 pm, starting on February 27th at Putnam Park, pond side. Pass the first parking area as you turn in and park in the next big lot. There will be someone with a sign. For more information, and/or to sign up, contact Debbie at [damitch816@gmail.com](mailto:damitch816@gmail.com). Anyone who is interested should email Debbie so your email address can be added to the distribution list used to communicate updates to locations or weather related issues. We look forward to walking with you!

**Change Lives on a Couple Saturday Mornings with Off The Streets !**

Would you consider giving 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning of your choice to help deliver or collect furnishings or household items ? Your help means that we can say "Yes!" to an individual or family who needs basic furnishings for their new home! We call these deliveries Moves. They begin at 10:00 AM each Saturday from Prime Storage in Danbury , and typically take about two hours. Tasks include helping to move everyday household items, and such apartment sized pieces as mattresses, end tables, chairs, single dressers, & loveseats.

Using only volunteers, Off The Streets helps those experiencing homelessness who are referred by local social services, and have a way to pay rent going forward. We help fund security deposits, and provide basic apartment sized furniture to help create a comfortable home. Most Saturdays, we help individuals or families to make a fresh start.

We really need YOU! You can help as an individual, a family, an organization or a business. Please, would you give it a try? We also have a number of other volunteer opportunities that do not include all the heavy lifting.

Ask any OTS volunteer – it’s a blessing to do this work. It’s perfect for families with teens too! If you would like to volunteer or donate please contact us at [otsdanburymr@gmail.com](mailto:otsdanburymr@gmail.com) or text Mike at 203 249 3586.

**MAGNIFICAT**

**MAGNIFICAT**, a Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to our Spring prayer breakfast on Saturday May 4, 2024, 9:30-12:30 at Cafe on the Green, 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT Our Guest speaker, Monique Moussot will share her testimony and lifelong ministry and devotion to God.

Cost \$29.95 per person, reservations required by April 27, 2024. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Carol Flynn 203-775-3875 or email [magnificatthmi@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatthmi@gmail.com)

Invitation is available in the Women's Ministry Section of the Diocese of Bridgeport website.



SCAN ME

Ticket are available on Eventbrite or Use your phone camera, hover over QR Code and it will take you directly to Eventbrite to register for the Breakfast

***Like us on Facebook at 'StMaryChurchBethel'***

**ONE in Christ**  
2024 Bishop's Appeal  
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**Teaching and Preaching the Gospel**

*I am blessed that I get to come together as One in Christ with the families at St. Paul Parish, as well as my colleagues in multiple ways. I am very lucky that I can count on the constant support and encouragement of Fr. Les, my pastor at St. Paul, and to the Institute for Catholic Formation and Patrick Donovan. The formation leaders of the parishes come together frequently to share ideas, attend workshops, retreats and pray together - for each other and our common mission.*

- Christine Green- DRE - St. Paul, Greenwich

To support formation in the Faith throughout our Diocese, please make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!  
Visit: [www.2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2024BishopsAppeal.org)  
or scan the QR Code!

Saint Mary Parish	
2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/12/24	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$142,500
Total Pledged:	\$103,797 ( 73%)
Donors to Date:	183 Donors

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2024 BishopsAppeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

**Pray for the Sick**

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our PRAYER LINE.

Our team leader is Maggie Kent (203-731-4738). If you would like to join our group, send a "Request to Join Prayer Chain" email to Maggie at [kentmaggie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kentmaggie@sbcglobal.net). Your name will be added to the email chain. Thank you!

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 28, 2024



## Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



## Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



## Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and OPUS DEI



- Mon.: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
- Tues.: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed.: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
- Thu: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
- Fri.: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
- Sat.: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
- Sun.: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



46TH ANNUAL

# ST. MARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

MAY 15-19

FOOD / RIDES / GAMES  
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BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER  
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*May the Lord*

BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

*May the Lord*

MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU

*May the Lord*

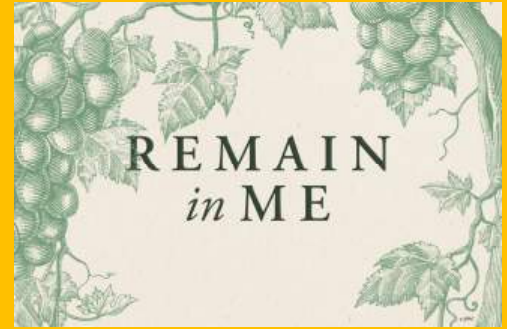
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE



# *Faith Focus*

## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### *April 21, 2023*



*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Way back in the mid 1960's, a Canadian communication theorist named Marshall McLuhan coined the phrase "The medium is the message." He proposed that a communication medium itself, not the messages it carries, should be the primary focus of study. He showed that artifacts such as media affect any society by their characteristics, or content.

All we have to do to get the "message" Our Lord Jesus preached is to observe Him striding across the pages of the New Testament to validate McLuhan's theory. Of course, we believers treasure His every word, and we can build our lives around them. But we can watch Him in our imaginations and see the very Word of God live His earth-bound existence and conclude that He is truth itself. If only a nervous Pilate had waited for Jesus' answer to his question "What is truth?" on that fateful Friday long ago! But then we know that the procurator had proven unworthy of a response.

Today's beautiful yet profound self-identification of Jesus as the vine and we as the branches has reverberated down the centuries as a message to be treasured. Bold it was indeed, because Jesus was replacing a well-known description of Israel as a vine with Himself. We need not be wine merchants to grasp the meaning. The fact that Jesus was and is the perfect medium to express who God is and what He is about in His plan for salvation brings comfort to our Faith and enlivens our Hope.

What the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate seal of approval from God the Father of all that Jesus said and did. In a time when "transparency" has become so necessary in the popular culture worn out by so much political scheming and even by questionable behavior of some senior Church prelates, we can rejoice in the straightforwardness of Jesus. He spoke the truth and lived it even when it was unpopular. Even when it invited hatred and inevitably crucifixion.

How do we maintain our connection with Jesus as branches in our time? How do we avoid the trap set by our contemporary culture to believe whatever the media touts as true? The answer is right before us in today's Gospel passage. "My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Bearing fruit becomes our job. Preserving true loyalty to Christ is the only way to "live and move and have our being." That in turn leads to our own resurrection. But do we get the message?

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proof of a portrait, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the studio and arrived with these angry words: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied. "Sir, with a face like yours, you don't need justice, you need mercy!"

God love you and give you His peace.

**Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31** Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

**Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24** The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

**The Gospel: John 15: 1-8** Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.



## Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00am

Saturday

9:00am & 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm



### SAT., APRIL 27

4:30 + Vincent Bocchino — Family

### SUN., APRIL 28

7:00 + Edward McDonough — John & Lynn O'Donell

8:30 + Jeannette Reynolds — David & Susan Polaski

11:00 + Sally Whitney — The Dolan Family

5:00 + Michael Cardillo — Michele & Kristen

### MON., APRIL 29

9:00 + Ann McSweeney — Patrick & Ann Kerrigan

### TUES., APRIL 30

9:00 + Joann Auriana — Eileen Freebairn

### WED., MAY 1

9:00 + Dolores Dee — Eileen Freebairn

### THU., MAY 2

9:00 + JoAnn Auriana — Kathy & George Aiello

### FRI., MAY 3

9:00 + JoAnn Auriana — Bob & Carol DiMatteo

### SAT., MAY 4

9:00 + Richard Kuhn — Wife Pat & Sons

4:30 + Dolores Fielder — Terri Kolwicz

### SUN., MAY 5

7:00 + Almerinda Sousa — The Britton Family

8:30 + Riccardo & Silvia Cazzanigo — Family

11:00 + Florence & James Santos — Don & Ann Marie Santos

5:00 + Leonel Aroujo — The Oyola Family

**STAFF** Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*

Father Mark Pinto, *Parochial Vicar*

Father Andrew LaFleur, *Parochial Vicar*

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Maggie Kent, *Secretary*

**RCIA (203)744-5777**

Call if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation as a Catholic with Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

**UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY** Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (733-7335)** Bob Kozlowski, *Chair*

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**BAPTISMS:** Sundays at 12:15pm (excluding the 1st Sunday of each month). Please call the Rectory at least six weeks in advance to schedule your Baptism and to sign up for the Baptism Class that is required for both parents and Godparents.

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