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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday----- 4:30 pm

Sunday----- 8:00 & 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday-----8:00 am

Wednesday Evening----- 7:00 pm

Rosary recited half hour before every Mass.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil----- 7:00 pm

Holy Day----- 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are arranged by calling the Rectory.

MARRIAGES

Please consult the pastor at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

SICK CALLS

By law, hospitals and care facilities are prevented from notifying us of admission or status change. Please contact the office to request a pastoral visit.

CCD CLASSES

Sunday 9:10 to 10:15 am during the school year.

For Nationwide Mass Times & Locations: Call 1-410-676-6000

BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY AT 12:00 NOON.



Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter Catholic Home Missions Collection

Saturday, April 27

4:00 PM –Rosary

4:30 PM – Raymond & Mildred Gebhart

Sunday – April 28 – Potpie dinner

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Rosary

10:30 AM – Int. of the Seymore & Weaver Families

Monday – April 29

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – Marcia Wilcox

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – Norm Weaver

Wednesday, May 1

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

6:30 PM –Rosary

7:00 PM – Raymond & Rosalia Storm

Thursday, May 2

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – Bernard Sneeringer

First Friday – May 3

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – Brian Pappalardo

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 4

4:00 PM –Rosary

4:30 PM – People of the Parish

Sunday – May 5 – May Procession

7:30 AM –Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Mary Gebhart Lovett & Family

10:00 AM - Rosary

10:30 AM – Joan Stein

Fr. Mike Rothan will be celebrating Mass from April 27th to April 30th and May 2nd. Fr. Norbert will be celebrating Mass on April 28th, 10:30 AM, May 1st and May 3rd. while Fr. Benny is away.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?

Please notify **Fr. Benny 717-334-2510** of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the sick of the parish.



Barbara Dinges, Brook McMaster, Nancy Defeo, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt,, Rosalie Schenker, Rick Phillips, Michael Clabaugh, Bill Orndorff, Rose Weaver, Kim, Ann, Nancy Myers, Virginia Schriver, Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Marylou Gennaula, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, Michael Franek, Margaret Chrismer, Phyllis Chrismer, Don Moser, Dave Weishaar, Raymond McMaster, Betty Clabaugh, Jeffrey Small, Deacon Rich, Brian Arentz, Rich Faloon, George Boring, Dale Keller and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. **If you would like to be part of the Parish Prayer Line call Lisa Barefoot Waggoner @717-465-7568 for more information.**

May Procession



We are planning to have a May Procession on May 5th to begin the 10:30AM Mass. All students are welcome to be part of this procession. We will begin in the Parish Center and process to the church. Each student will be given a flower to place in the vase before the Blessed Mother; the 2nd grade class will then crown the Blessed Mother. Students will then be seated with their parents for the Mass. If your child would like to be part of this procession, please email Steve Arthur at stjosephgetccd@gmail.com



Please remember the following parishioner that has gone to their eternal life, **Barbara Orndorff**
In your charity; please pray for her and her Family

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-28,30-32
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius
Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3 Sts. Philip and James

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

Saturday, May 4

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

There are times in the garden of our lives when enemies slip in and threaten the beauty and very existence of our spiritual lives. If one isn't careful, bad soil, pests, predators, parasites, dryness, and weeds can be very destructive. We will only bear fruit if we are pruned of everything unhealthy to our souls, and we must be sure to cling fast to the vine of Christ who strengthens us.

What a beautiful metaphor Christ shared in the Upper Room! Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand the gift of Divine Grace and how the lives of Christians must stay joined to the glorified life of Jesus to be nourished, sustained, and grow to fruitfulness.

Like any master gardener of a vineyard, God our Father delights in each of us whom He plants in His garden. He is passionate about our growth, and He wants us to reach the fruitful potential of our souls in this life so that we may fulfill our purpose in His vineyard here on earth.

He fertilizes the soil to help us grow. He waters, weeds, and prunes our vines to help us become all we were meant to be. God knows the beautiful fruitfulness and growth that we can experience in His perfect plan. He watches over each of His vines with loving care.

Our souls are made to be the perfect reflection of Christ. God the Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit, watches over us with loving guidance and protection and wants our souls to grow in love and holiness.



Our spiritual lives are dependent on the gift of Divine Grace and our souls are nourished and sustained by the love of Christ. It is vital that we trust Him with our whole hearts to do whatever is needed in our lives for our best growth. We must trust Christ and always stick close to Him.

As much as plants need air, sunshine, and water, a branch is just as reliant upon the vine – Jesus – our souls will shrivel and die. Letting go of our own selfish wills – by fully surrendering to God's Holy Will and trusting His pruning and weeding in our lives – will surely help our souls blossom, bear fruit, and become all we were made to be by our Father.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How can you welcome and accept God's pruning when it feels so unpleasant?
- † In what ways is God pruning and shaping you into His Image?
- † Do you see the difference this pruning is making in your walk with Christ?
- † How can we ensure that God gets the glory for our fruit?

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of April 20/21, 2024

Adults	\$2,164.00
Children	.00
Loose	143.00
On-Line Giving	1,231.00
Total	3,538.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 less	622.00
Poor of the Parish	35.00
Catholic Home Missions	70.00
Rice Bowl	28.50

57 of 298 Adults used envelopes
34 Online Giving

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

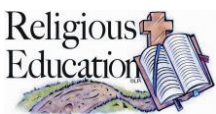
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BAZAAR/YARDSALE: May 18, 2024

from 8 am to 1 pm in the parish center. Yard sale and craft vendors, raffles, face painting and kid's games. Breakfast and lunch will be available. New items are needed to use in our "theme baskets" for the bazaar raffles. Any gift cards or monetary donations may be put in an envelope marked "Bazaar" and dropped in the collection basket. There is a box in the vestibule of the church for all other donations. Call Susan 717-357-2866 with any questions or if you would like to help with the bazaar.

HDCCW 12th Annual Weekend Retreat

Bishop Ronald Gainer will be our Retreat Master for 2024. The retreat will be held at Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD the weekend of June 14-16, 2024. The registration deadline is May 31, 2024. Registration forms and more details are available on our website: [RETREAT \(harrisburgdiocesanccw.com\)](http://RETREAT(harrisburgdiocesanccw.com)) or from Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, warrenrjs@aol.com or 717- 367-9306 or 717-503-9429.



**CCD NEWS
APRIL 27/28, 2024**

CCD classes are held from 9:10 am to 10:15 am in the parish center.

April 28th – NO CCD – Potpie Dinner

May 5th, Sunday – 10:30 AM - May Crowning

May 19th, Sunday – Last day of CCD

Please contact Steve Arthur 717-465-0097 in regards to any CCD inquiries. Thank you!

The Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

"Nourished by Faith"

Thank you for generosity to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. We have already raised \$ 18,425.00 toward our goal of \$30,242.00. By doing our part to give generously to those who are in need and are suffering, we continue to share Christ's love by supporting the mission of the Church through this year's Appeal. **REMINDER: EVERY DOLLAR THAT WE EXCEED OUR GOAL IS REFUNDED TO OUR PARISH, UNRESTRICTED.**



DO YOU SUPPORT OUR GROCERY CARD PROGRAM? Grocery gift cards for Giant, Weis, and Walmart are available on weekends after the Masses and Monday through

Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the rectory office.

400 CLUB

Week 9

35	Jack Ketterman	Cindy Hartlaub
40	Mike Dunlap	Tom Gebhart
151	Holly & Duane Clabaugh	Cindy Hartlaub
200	Mike Shanebrook	Mike Shanebrook
234	Cindy & Ken Weaver	Cindy Hartlaub

The Knight's will be having a sub and sandwich

sale. The orders will be due by Tuesday April 30th. I will be at the Deacon Weaver Center from 4:30 until 6pm that day. If you need to contact me you can call me at 717-476-8205. The subs/sandwiches will be delivered on Tuesday May 7th. You can pick them up after 3:30pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday April 28th with Rosary at 6:30 followed by our meeting at 7p.m

POT-LUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS

This will be our last pot-luck dinner for the summer, will resume in the fall. Don't miss out on the great food and wonderful fellowship!

Put the date on your calendar now.

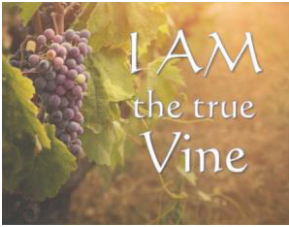


Red Cross Blood Drive. Save the date: Our parish will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Deacon Weaver Parish Center.

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. Give the gift of life

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel has the following hours open for NEW adorers:

Tuesday at 2:00 a.m., Friday at 12:00 p.m., Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you desire to give one hour a week to our Lord in the Eucharist, please contact Maxine Staub at 717-637-5683. Everyone is welcome to visit the chapel. We are in need of help with cleaning the Chapel on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the Month. Cleaning takes about 1 hour. If you are interested, please call Maxine Staub at 717-637-5683 for more information.



Faith Formation News

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“JESUS said: ‘I am the True Vine’.....”

How do we remain on the vine?

Loving God and Keeping the Commandments

I long to see you a true servant of Jesus Christ, an observer of his commandments. No one can have the life of grace who is not a keeper of those commandments....Once we see that of ourselves we are nothing at all, we are completely humbled at the knowledge of what our benefactor has done for us. We so grow in love when we recognize God's great goodness at work in us that we would rather die than transgress our dear Creator's command. This holy trembling brings us to tremendous love, a love we draw from the fountain of the blood of God's Son, which was shed for our redemption just to wash away the guilt of sin....I beg you then to make use of these two wings that will help you keep God's commandments and, once you have managed the commandments, will enable you to fly into everlasting life. The first wing is hatred and contempt for sin and for selfish self-love, the source of every vice. The second wing is being a lover of virtue. Once we see that virtue is essential for us, we love it; we see that God wants us to be lovers of virtue and despisers of vice. Oh how sweet it will be for you to have this virtue! It frees you from slavery to the devil and gives you liberty, delivers you from death and gives you life, relieves you of darkness and gives you light. Sin is just the opposite: it leads one into every sort of misery....I beg you, for love of Christ crucified, let your soul's eye be directed toward God in all that you do. Oh what great joy and happiness you will feel when the time comes for you to be called by First Truth, knowing you are in the company of the virtues, supported by the staff of the most holy cross from which you have learned God's holy commandments! And you will hear at the end those sweet words: Come, my blessed son, and possess the kingdom of heaven, because you conscientiously cast aside desire and affection for conformity to the world, and reared and nurtured your family in holy fear of me. Now I am giving you perfect rest, for I am the one who repays you for all you have suffered for me (cf. Mt 25:34). (Saint Catherine of Siena († 1380), Doctor of the Church, was a Dominican, stigmatist, and papal counselor).

FIRST WEDNESDAY, Friday and Saturday in May! May 1 is the 1st Wednesday of the month in honor of St. Joseph. The Chaplet of St. Joseph will be prayed after the 7:00 pm Mass. May 3rd and 4th are First Friday and First Saturday. Don't forget the promises from Jesus and Mary for honoring their Most Sacred Hearts on these days. See more information here: [What Are the First Friday and First Saturday Devotions? - The Catholic Company®](#)



Eucharistic Revival:

The Church is coming to a close with its National Eucharistic Revival this year 2024. The last 3 years have been an intentional focus on the Holy Eucharist. St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be offering a “**Consecration to the Holy Eucharist**” in the near future. Please keep an eye out for further information coming soon! Contact Clare Crone ccrone2@gmail.com for any questions.

2024 A YEAR of PRAYER

The Holy Father wants a year in preparation for the 2025



Jubilee that will help "stimulate prayer with simplicity and in accordance with Christ's heart." Some of the Biggest OBSTACLES to PRAYER

*Often we will give up praying not because of any outside pressure, but because of our own failed attempts to pray. We get discouraged by our own weaknesses. Many of us may have a desire to pray on a daily basis, but often we fail and it can be discouraging. What ends up happening is that we give up the struggle and stop praying. It isn't because of any outside pressure, but is primarily because of our own failures. **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** points this out in its section on prayer: *Finally, our battle has to confront what we experience as **failure in prayer: discouragement during periods of dryness; sadness that, because we have "great possessions," we have not given all to the Lord; disappointment over not being heard according to our own will; wounded pride, stiffened by the indignity that is ours as sinners; our resistance to the idea that prayer is a free and unmerited gift; and so forth.** CCC 2728**

Do any of those failures resonate with you? Typically it is easy to pray when everything goes well and we feel joy and happiness every time we pray. However, those experiences are normally rare and often we may never or rarely feel joy when we pray. In place of joy we may feel emptiness or even abandonment during prayer. We may think that God isn't there and doesn't even listen to our prayers. It is tempting to conclude, as the *Catechism* writes, “**What good does it do to pray?**” (CCC 2728) We may throw up our hands and stop trying to pray, thinking that it does nothing and has no benefit for us during this difficult life on earth. **Battle:** This is another reason why prayer is called a “**spiritual battle,**” as we have to actively fight against the many negative experiences we may feel. The *Catechism* says, “To overcome these obstacles, **we must battle to gain humility, trust, and perseverance**” (CCC 2728). If we are honest with ourselves and with God, we are more likely to succeed in maintaining a prayer life. We can recognize our own faults and failings and rely on the grace of God. God is never to blame for a difficult prayer life, though he may allow it so that our hearts can be transformed. **We are the ones who need to change** in order to be brought into a deeper relationship with Christ. The next time you find it difficult to pray, turn to God and pray simply, “**Jesus, I trust in you.**” We may not know why we are experiencing dryness during prayer, but the key is to trust in God and let him transform our hearts.



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