

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Vine of Life

Lord Jesus,  
you are the vine of life,  
we are but branches  
yearning to give fruit.  
Grant that the Holy Spirit  
may nurture your people  
to remain in you

so that we may give the life  
that you have shared with us  
to those we meet,  
allowing them to be transformed.  
You live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Bearing Fruit



*Today's readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.* "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he "spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus." After Paul's conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and

remain in Jesus' love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?

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by appointment.

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advance for information  
and scheduling.

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## APRIL 28, 2024



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## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 29 Surrender

“Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him,” Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper. From her youth, St. Catherine of Siena, whose memorial the Church celebrates today, portrayed her love for God through service. Not only did she minister to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, but she also confronted bishops and the pope and called for reforms in the Church. Today we ask St. Catherine of Siena to be our companion as we show our love for God through our work in the world. *Today’s readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

### Tuesday, April 30 True Peace

Not long before inviting the faithful at Mass to offer one another a sign of peace, the priest says, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church.” When the faithful offer one another a sign of peace, it is Christ’s peace, not their individual peace. In today’s Gospel, Jesus highlights the difference in the offerings of peace, saying, “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Discussing your spiritual struggles during the sacrament of penance can bring one Christ’s peace. Check your parish’s schedule for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. *Today’s readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

### Wednesday, May 1 Faithful

Today we celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Little is known about St. Joseph, but the few verses of Scripture that mention him show his obedience to God and the care he gave to Mary and Jesus. Pray that, like St. Joseph, you

“bear much fruit” so that God is glorified. *Today’s readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

### Thursday, May 2, 2024 A Universal Message

After telling the disciples to keep his commandments, Jesus explains, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” For many, obeying the commandments may seem burdensome, but Jesus reveals that doing so is the way to remain in Jesus’ love and so is the path to joy. What does it mean for the Lord’s joy to be in you? Have you ever considered that God finds joy in you? *Today’s readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

### Friday, May 3 Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Today, on the Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, the Church honors two of the earliest followers of Jesus. At the beginning of John’s Gospel, Jesus finds Philip and instructs him, “Follow me” (1:45). Philip wastes no time spreading the news of the messiah and encourages Nathanael to “come and see.” May we take to heart the example of these apostles and invite others to come to know Christ. *Today’s readings: Acts 1 Corinthians 15: 1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*

### Saturday, May 4 Do You Accept?

The words “serve the Lord with gladness,” in today’s psalm shows the disposition one should have even when rejected and persecuted for living as Christians. As Jesus sets before the disciples the work of spreading the Gospel, he tells them that they will be treated as he has been: “If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.” Are you able to live in gratitude to God even when others revile you? Pray to the Holy Spirit for such courage. *Today’s readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*





We commend to your prayers Roberta Beiriger, who died recently.

May God welcome her to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to her family.

**SAVE THE DATE**



We are pleased to announce that Deacon Dave will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, June 1** at

10:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. He will celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at MOS on **Sunday, June 16** at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Rehearsal will take place on **Monday, May 6** at 7:00 PM in the church.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on **Monday, May 13** at 7:00 PM. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

**ASCENSION**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 9**. Mass times will be 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 7:00 PM.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, May 9** and will reopen **Friday, May 10**.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 4/27**

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 4:30 PM † Joseph McCormick (*wife Betty*)

**Sunday 4/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM † Michael & Joey Goda (*Donahoe Family*)  
 9:30 AM Lee & Barbara Taddonio  
 60th Wedding Anniversary  
 11:30 AM † Deceased members of the Smolenski & DiBagno Families (*Anita & Chet Smolenski*)  
 6:00 PM † Paula & Bradley Bruce  
 (*Mary Lynn & Dan Bruce*)

**Monday 4/29**

8:00 AM † Thomas Sweeney (*Joe & Doris Folco*)

**Tuesday 4/30**

8:00 AM † Phyllis Sabol (*Francis Dudek*)

**Wednesday 5/1**

8:00 AM † Rose Marie Dudek (*Wednesday Rosary Group*)

**Thursday 5/2**

8:00 AM † Frances & Chester Hammer (*Wolfe Family*)  
 10:00 AM † Kathleen Baldwin (*family*)  
 11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament



**Friday 5/3**

8:00 AM † Ray Valentine (*Sr. Mary Lucilla*)

**Saturday 5/4**

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 4:30 PM † Tom Sweeney (*Mary Lou Sweeney*)

**Sunday 5/5 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM † Marc Delissio (*family*)  
 9:30 AM † Carol Berzowski (*Anna & Tim Germ*)  
 11:30 AM † James Moyer (*family*)  
 6:00 PM † Trish Koval (*Ray Koval*)



## WELCOME



We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting or looking for a parish to join. Our hope is that your experience today encourages you to join our community.

There are a number of ways to get involved. Become a member of our Faith Community today! All are welcome. Scan the QR code above to register as a new parishioner.

Thank you!

A BIG thank you to the 588 MOS families who have made a pledge or gift to this year's DLA campaign. Your generosity of \$318,361 has helped to put us over our diocesan and parish goals!

## OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS

### April 20 and 21

Attendance 1,741  
 Offertory \$ 29,375.89  
 Outreach \$ 980.00



**Church, School and Rectory maintenance and improvement expenses: \$ 47,414.24**



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## A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

### Sunday April 28

8:30 AM Faith Formation for those with special needs  
 7:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, Lower Narthex

### Monday April 29

6:30 PM Cub Scouts, Social Hall

### Tuesday April 30

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room  
 5:00 PM CGS, CGS Rooms  
 6:30 PM Bereavement Group, Ave Maria Room

### Wednesday May 1

9:30 AM Bible Study, Social Hall  
 1:00 PM Bereavement Group, Ave Maria Room  
 6:30 PM Bible Study, Ave Maria Room  
 7:00 PM Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Meeting, Social Hall  
 7:00 PM Hearts Ablaze! Madonna Room

### Thursday May 2

5:00 PM CGS, CGS Rooms

### Friday May 3

9:00 AM Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room  
 9:00 AM Centering Prayer, Madonna Room

### Saturday May 4

9:00 AM Men's Renewal Group, lower narthex

### Sunday May 5 - Donut Sunday!!

8:30 AM Faith Formation for those with special needs  
 4:30 PM Middle School Youth Ministry, Social Hall  
 7:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, Lower Narthex

## DONUT SUNDAY



Join us next **Sunday, May 5** after all morning Masses for Donut Sunday!

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Costelnock family on the Baptism of their daughter, Isla Rose. Through the sacrament of Baptism, she received the love of God and new life by water and the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations to the Markovic family on the Baptism of their son, Luka James. May he grow strong and know that he is a beloved child of God.





Congratulations to the students who received First Holy Communion last weekend. May the love of God fill your heart always.



*Annabella Austin, Matteo Di Giuseppe, Emma Gatti, Kenneth Meier,  
Santina Russo, Caelum Weber*



*Logan Busse, Bacara Johnson, Bianca Johnson, Lucy Mocharko,  
Lucas Polons, Blake Rhoten, Giovanni Smith, Cooper Slater*





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# CAMP VIRTUE!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

Join and have fun with us at the 2024 Camp Virtue where faith meets fun for middle school students. Scholarships are available, talk to your Youth Minister about it!



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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Honor status at Central Catholic High School for the Third Quarter: Leo Clemente, Luke Nuzzo, Luke Radkowski, Nathan Radkowski, Jameson Raynak, Milan Seminatore, Finn Thompson and Andrew Waruszewski.

Congratulations to Bailee Dayton, Olivia Hussein and Cameryn Skaggs for achieving Honor Roll status at Serra Catholic High School.

### CATHOLIC BASED OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOR MEN

**Into the Wild** outdoor retreat will take place **May 16 to 19, 2024** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Camp, Volant PA. The retreat orients men and sons, ages 11+, in orienteering, topography, self-defense, survival skills, outdoor construction, fishing, wild game food preparation, and more.

Sleeping arrangements consist of rustic accommodations, and 9 meals including wild game feast. For more information including registration, visit [www.intothewildweekend.com](http://www.intothewildweekend.com) or contact project leader Jim Pencola at (724) 541-7556 or [jim.pencola@gmail.com](mailto:jim.pencola@gmail.com).

### MAY CROWNING

May Crowning will take place on **Sunday, May 12** during the 9:30 AM Mass. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, Vacation Bible School will be hosted by St. Barbara Parish. Scan the QR code below to register. The deadline for registration is April 30.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. All are invited on **Thursday, May 2** from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Know Jesus is waiting for YOU. **Children and families are welcome.**

To become a weekly committed adorer, sign up by using the QR code or go to <https://adorationpro.org/mosmurrysville>.



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last week, Monsignor Michael talked with High School Youth Ministry about the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Monsignor then conferred the sacrament on a youth group alumna who struggles with a chronic illness. After her anointing, Brianna gave her testimony about what her faith, serving in ministry, and being part of the youth group has meant to her as she deals with her illness. We are grateful to Monsignor and Brianna for sharing their stories with us.

After this informative and moving presentation, we had a little fun with a crazy food game. Five brave volunteers (including Jacob) were blindfolded and asked to taste and identify a mystery concoction of food items, put together by another volunteer. If anyone could identify all four items correctly, then the person who prepared the concoction had to eat it himself!

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will conclude our study of the Sacraments with a night on the Source and Summit of our lives, the Holy Eucharist. We will share a Lord's Day celebration, and then members of the core group will do presentations on some of the Eucharistic miracles - those extraordinary interventions meant to confirm faith in the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. We will meet from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** in the lower narthex.

On **Sunday, May 5**, we will welcome Darren Miller, parishioner and world record-holding endurance athlete, who will share how his faith motivates and inspires him. This will be a Youth Ministry field trip at a new time and a new location TBA, so watch for details to follow. You won't want to miss it!





## BOOMERS AND BEYOND



Join us on **Tuesday, May 14** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on “The Iron Priest: A Story of Passion, Endurance and Devotion” presented

by Fr. Jay Jacinto.

Triathlete, Ironman contender, Air Force reservist, Catholic Priest: Fr. Jay Jacinto, a native of the Bicol Province, Philippines, is currently on missionary assignment at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Murrysville. Join us to hear about this man’s transformative vocation journey.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the ‘baby boomers’ and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants are encouraged to bring a ‘brown bag’ lunch and a friend. Beverages are provided.

## MURRYSVILLE MEDIC ONE

Murrysville Medic One provides a variety of essential emergency and non-emergency services to area residents. Thank you to all those who responded to their first mailing with subscriptions and donations.

Medic One is now sending out a second mailing to residents who were not able to respond to the first. Please consider donating and subscribing as all EMS agencies need community support. Remember, your insurance co-pays are forgiven if you are a subscriber.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Lynn and Ralph Papa who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week. May God continue to bless you with many more years to come!



Congratulations to Andrew and Felicity Boen who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last week. May God continue to bless you in your lives together!



# KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

“The kerygma is the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ’s death and resurrection.”

— Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 213

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**Saturday, May 18**

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**Sunday, May 19**

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## OPEN HOUSE

Women’s Choice Network will be celebrating its 39th birthday with an open house on **May 9** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at its Monroeville pregnancy resource Center at 4075 Monroeville Blvd Bldg 2, Suite 100.

This is a great opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the staff, and learn more about how Women’s Choice Network is making Pittsburgh a Sanctuary City for Life.

## Looking for a fun night of entertainment?

Then come to “An Italian Sampler” on May 3, 4, and 5 at Vincentian Hall (St. Thomas à Becket campus) 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, with shows at 7:00 PM nightly.

The opening act features a medley of Italian songs, an intermission, and then a one-act play written by Fr. Joe Luisi

entitled “Friendly Fire”. It is about a recently widowed grandfather forced to live with his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. Sparks fly when

they interact with each other with false assumptions and begin to see each other in a new light. Tickets are \$10.00

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(301) 335-4941 or Al (301) 335-4962. After expenses, all proceeds will be split between St. Vincent de Paul Society of

Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish to help the poor, and The Ultrasound Initiative to buy an ultrasound machine for a

Pro-life clinic within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

You don’t have to be Italian to enjoy the show! *Ciao!*







# MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## MPTSA TREAT!



Pictured here is Miss Kelly's first grade class enjoying a snow cone. They took delight in a taste of summer, courtesy the MPTSA, and a special visit by the Murrysville Police Department's K9 Unit.

### **SUPPORT STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC) to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

### **JOB POSTING**

Mother of Sorrows School in Murrysville is looking for a middle school Math and Religion teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Middle School Math Certification preferred. We are looking for a dedicated teacher who is a practicing Catholic. All interested candidates must be certified in elementary education and have all necessary clearances. Please send a cover letter and resume to Interim Principal Patricia Visnick at [pvisnick@mosschool.org](mailto:pvisnick@mosschool.org).

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