



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

KEY VERSE: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower" (v 1).

READING: Few cultivated crops are so rich in symbolism

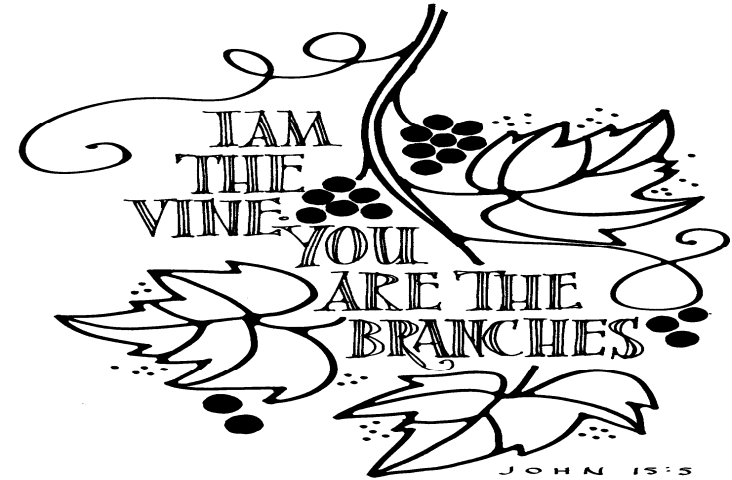
in the bible as the vine. The vine is dependent on skilled agricultural knowledge of the seasons. The prophet Isaiah used this metaphor when he spoke of Israel as a vineyard that had been nurtured and cared for by God, the vinedresser, yet failed to bear fruit. God asked, "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?" (Is 5:4). Jesus declared himself to be the true vine whose Father was the vine grower. Jesus' Church would be the new Israel that would bear good fruit only when united to him. Withered branches that separated themselves from the vine would be cut off; they were only good for fuel for the fire. Good branches would be pruned in order to increase their yield. Christians that lived in union with Christ would grow spiritually and give glory to God by their fruitful lives. Jesus spoke this discourse at the Last Supper. The "fruit of the vine" that Jesus gave us is his life-giving presence in the saving cup that daily nourishes the Faithful.

REFLECTING: Is my ministry in the Church fruitful or unproductive?

PRAYING: Risen Lord, prune any dead wood in my life so I may eternally abide in you.

Christ has risen; Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

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P: In the same way, my brethren, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit to God. Alleluia.		
R: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Alleluia.		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.		
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OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading	Acts 9:26-31	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22	
L: I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.		
R: I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.		
Second Reading	1 John 3:18-24	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
C: I am the way, the truth, and the life says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through Me.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!		
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“It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” John 15:16

Spojnia District 5 & 12 Family & Children Picnic

Saturday, July 25th at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pa. Adults \$30, PNU Children (16 and under) **Free**, None PNU Children \$15. This includes admission and events plus a buffet picnic. Sign Up with Henrietta Kleckner or Father Bruce. Registration must be accompanied with payment.



Mother’s Day Breakfast Today

The annual Mother’s Day Breakfast will be held after Holy Mass today in the parish auditorium. Breakfast will be free of charge compliments of the YMSR Society. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship. The SOCL Children will present a Mother’s Day Program honoring all Moms of the parish.

SOCL Classes End May 31st

Our School of Christian Living Classes will conclude during Holy Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Recognitions will be awarded to our students and faculty. Also recognized will be our parish graduates of High School and College. Biographies are requested of graduates and should be given to Fr. Bruce by May 24th.

Solemnity of the Ascension Mass, Thursday, May 21st at 10:00 AM

Corpus Christi Celebration, June 11th at 7:00 P.M.
With Mass and Procession to the 4 Altars

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 25th

Mass will be celebrated in the parish at 10:00 A.M. to honor the Service Men and Women who paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms and remembering our loved ones buried on our cemeteries.

Relay for Life Luminaries

Jan Gibala will be selling Life Luminaries after Mass next Sunday, May 17th to benefit the annual Relay for Life Cancer Drive. Our parish is not sponsoring a Team this year but we are supporting the program. Persons wishing to help in any manner or way should contact Jan Gibala. Also check out our website for additional information for contributions and volunteer services.



Tri-Church Flea Market

Saturday, May 30th 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon. St. John the Baptist and the Hungarian Reform Church with Holy Family will be holding separate flea markets in each respective parking lots. As we do our spring cleaning, save some of the items we were going to throw away for the flea market. Our trash could be someone else's treasure. The Bell Choirs will be

coordinating the Holy Family Flea Market and anyone can purchase a table. Fee: \$10 a table. All appliances must be in working conditions and any clothes are to be washed and pressed. Hopefully having all three parishes holding flea markets at the same time will attract customers.

Golf Outing

Sunday, June 7th, Butlers Golf Course \$80; 8:00 A.M. Tee Off. There will be a special golfers Mass Saturday at 5:00 P.M. to meet Sunday obligations. Call Dick Contrella @ 412.751.5080 or Neil Rushnock @ 412.673.4365 to register.



May Devotions

May is the month of Mary. Devotions during the month will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. Join us to Honor our Holy Mother during May. Hail Mary Pray for us.



Diocesan Youth Retreat,

The week of July 5-9th, Wesley Woods Methodist Camp. Ages 8 and above are eligible to attend. Friends are also invited to participate. Please inform Father if you plan to attend. This yearly event is subsidized by the Diocese, PTO, Parish, and YMSR. All parish youth should try to attend. Those wishing to accompany our Youth as chaperones should contact Fr. Bruce.

Cemetery News

A request to all members to please remove all ornaments/statues around your family headstones at the cemetery because they interfere with the cemetery maintenance. They will be removed if not taken. Thank You.

Opening Hymn: Daily Sing

Daily sing to Mother Mary, Sing my soul, praises due
All her feasts, her actions worship with the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wond'ring contemplation, be her majesty confessed
Call her Mother; call her Virgin, Happy Mother Virgin blest.

She is mighty to deliver, call her trust her lovingly
When the tempest rages round thee; she will calm the troubled sea.
Gifts of heaven she has given, noble lady to our race
She the Queen who decks her subjects with the light of God's own
grace.

All our joys flow from her favor, all them join her praise to sing
Trembling sing the Virgin Mother, Mother of our Lord and King.
While we sing her very glory, far above our earthly reach
Let our hearts be quick to offer love alone the heart can teach.



Closing Hymn "That Easter Day"

That Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

*O Lord of all with us abide,
In this our joyful Eastertide
From ev'ry weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed for ever shield.*

All praise, o risen Lord, we give,
To Thee who dead again dost live
To God the Father equal praise
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen



THEME: Am I a branch?

On the 5th Sunday of Easter, Jesus reminds us the He is the vine and we are the branches. What we are to do is bear much fruit and to be His disciples. How fittingly this gospel falls on the American holiday of Mother's Day and in the Month that we honor the most honored Mom, Mary.

Why is this significant? Because a Mother's love bears much fruit in children. She nurtures her child in developing into the person that God has created. Although Dads do help, it is the Mom who traditionally makes the house a home. A home filled with love and faith, respect and trust for family and community. Just as our Holy Mother demonstrated tenderness and strength, so do our Moms today if she is fulfilling the role God gave her. They keep a watchful eye so that the child is protected at all times and is not harmed. They instruct the spiritual development through prayer and worship by gentle reminders of what God expects from His people.

All this because the source is the vine, Jesus, the Resurrected Lord and Savior of the world and the Mom, just like Mary, are the branches that spread beyond the home making the child a God fearing and fruitful citizen in the world.

Happy Mother's Day to you Mom. Your role is God given. May you continue in fulfilling the will of God through your faith, hope and love on this very special of day in which we honor you. May you continue to fulfill this special gift bestowed by our Creator to you.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth
Greeters	J. Gibala
Ushers	T. Kleckner & L. Ruozzi
Acolytes	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	Bonnie Zaucha
Greeter	M. Krusienski	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	E. Kustra & K. Stubock	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Sunday, May 10, 2009

	Easter 5
	Mother's Day
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
Mother's Day Breakfast & Program	10:15 A.M.

Monday, May 11, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, May 14, 2009

Marian Devotions	7:00 P.M.
Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 17, 2009

	Easter 6
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Raymond Denne Int YMSR; Vilma Pernick Int Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark; Charles Korch Int of Rosemary Korch and Children Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.



The flowers by the main altar are a gift from the First Holy Communion Class in honor of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist last Sunday and in honor of Moms for Mother's Day. The Frederic Chopin Choir will honor the Moms of the parish today with a floral gift at the end of Mass. Happy Mother's Day.