



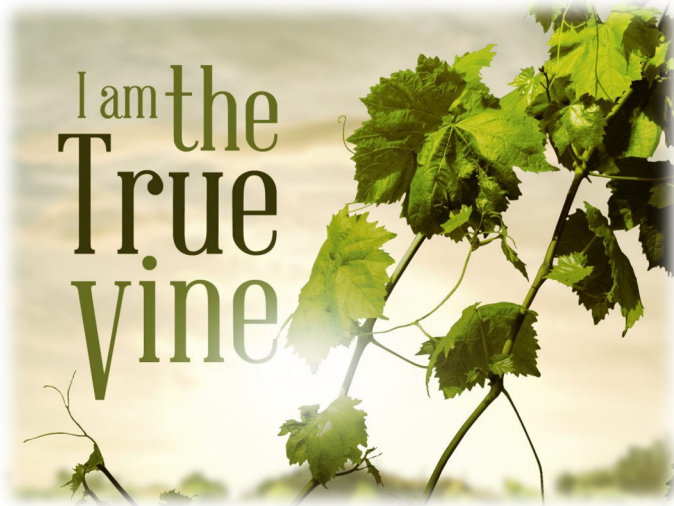
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OPENING HYMN

This Day God Gives Me (verses 1, 2, 3) – Ritual Song #856

ENTRANCE HYMN (Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23)

C. In the same way, my brothers, 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 for 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.

C. 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.

Reading 1

ACTS 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Reading 2

1 JN 3:18-24

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia

JN 15:4A, 5B

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

Gospel

JN 15:1-8

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz, Bob Yasko.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks – Ritual Song #581

FAITH SHARING

Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle

to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles. In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united with Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love.



In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses God's Old Testament image of the vine and branches to help his disciples to understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent – as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should become.

LIFE MESSAGE

Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling in our neighborhood and society with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations enables us, with God's grace, to prune away our selfish, judgmental, prejudicial tendencies so that we can treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by enabling us to face with the courage of our Christian convictions, the pain and sufferings, contradictions and difficulties which He permits to enter our lives.



SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE May 5, 2024, June 9, July 14, September 8.

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The National Mission & Evangelization Commission would like to meet at Holy Family on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday May 7, 2024. The meeting will be attended by ~15 people: bishops, priests and laity.

As a host parish, we would be responsible for a meeting area for the attendees and providing lunches and refreshments. The National Church will reimburse the parish for any expense incurred. The ladies from SAMBS are asked to help with the meal preparation. Other parishioners are also asked to help.



YMS of R MEETING

Men's group has a short meeting after Holy Mass today, Sunday, April 28.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 28

Sunday, May 5

Sunday, May 12

Sunday, May 19

Sunday, May 26

Sunday, June 2

Sunday, June 9

Sunday, June 16

Sunday, June 23

Sunday, June 30

Don Newcamp, George Jobs

Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk

Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

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MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The YMSR Branch 70 will host a continental breakfast for all the women on Mother's Day. Let us celebrate The Mother's Day together.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month.

The idea of a month specifically dedicated to Mary can be traced back to baroque times making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

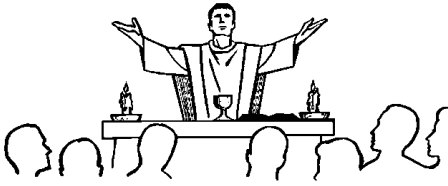
This coming Wednesday, May 1, begins our Marian devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin. **Every Wednesday at 7:00**

PM during May we will be praying the Rosary with Marian Litany. Please make every effort to participate. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**



CHURCH HALL DETAILING

Thank you, all gentlemen from the YMS of R, who cleaned our church hall last Tuesday and Thursday.



A WALK THROUGH LITURGY – LAST MEETING

This coming Tuesday will finish our Liturgical classes *A Walk through Liturgy*. Classes will be at usually at 5:30 PM. Thank you all who participated in this liturgical course.

FR. MARIUSZ'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On May 19, 2024, Fr. Mariusz will be celebrating his 25 years of Service to God.

At 10:00 AM the Holy Mass will be offered in his intention. At 5:00 PM Vespers followed by dinner in our Church Hall.

Please respond kindly by May 11, 2024. Please use the **RSVP cards** located in the vestibule, **text or call (412) 330-8286** or email pastor@hfpncc.org.



FUNERAL

Joan A. (Ejchost) Kotulsky, 77, died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Paramount Senior Living at South Hills.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family church later.

MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for † **Kenneth Kost** will be offered on **Saturday, May 4th** at **11:00 AM** at Holy Family church.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 5th Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Adam Lesnicki

† Mack Mastrovich – requested by Carol Davelli & Family

† Arthur Eagan – requested by Fr. Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski

Monday, April 29, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 – Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Irene Jugan – requested by Walt Cook Family

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – Easter Weekday

7:00 PM – May Devotion (Rosary and Marian Litany)

Thursday, May 2, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Friday, May 3, 2024 – Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – Easter Weekday

10:00 AM – Memorial Mass

† Kenneth Kost

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 6th Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the crowning of Mary

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

† George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family

† Regina Filipczak – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

5/12/24 Su 10:00 AM 7 Easter Sunday / Mother's Day

For All Mothers Living and Deceased

5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost

For God's blessing for Fr. Mariusz on 25th Anniversary of the Sacrament of Priesthood

5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi

For God's blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)

6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

† Helen Balawajder – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus

† Pat Peteraf – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

6/9/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Word of God

OPEN

6/16/24 Su 10:00 AM 11 Ordinary Sunday / Father's Day

For All Fathers Living and Deceased

6/23/24 Su 10:00 AM 12 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

6/24/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – John the Baptist

OPEN

6/30/24 Su 10:00 AM 13 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

MOTHER’S DAY MASS

On Sunday, May 12th, we will be honoring our Mothers, first of all – by thanking God for our own mothers, and secondly, by praying for them, all of them, our living Mothers and those Mothers whom God called already to the eternal life.

The best prayer gift for Mom is always a Holy Mass, as an ultimate form of prayer.

Let me offer this Mass on Sunday, May 12th in their intentions:

for the living mothers – for a long life in good health and God’s blessing;

for the deceased Mothers – for God’s mercy and eternal peace in heaven.

Please fill out the form below, and return it as soon as possible, directly to father, **but please DO NOT attach to it any checks, cash, nor other Mass stipends.** This Mass for Mothers is offered absolutely **free** as a gift to all Mothers.

However, if you wish to offer your appreciation, you can do it at the end of that Mass by supporting the fund of **the Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS)** in our parish. This is the group of mothers taking care (financially as well) of the Sanctuary, and many other events in our parish, so sooner or later, through their hands, your donations will go to new linen altar clothes, liturgical items, flowers or other decorations around the altar and Tabernacle.

If you wish that the name of your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother or woman who is or was mother-like to you, living or deceased, to be mentioned during this Holy Mass, you can PRINT their names below. **It is an option only.** Also, you can whisper those names to God in person. There will be offered a moment of silence to do it.

Father, please include the following Mothers in the Holy Mass intention on Mother’s Day, May 12th:

Living:

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_____	_____

Deceased:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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