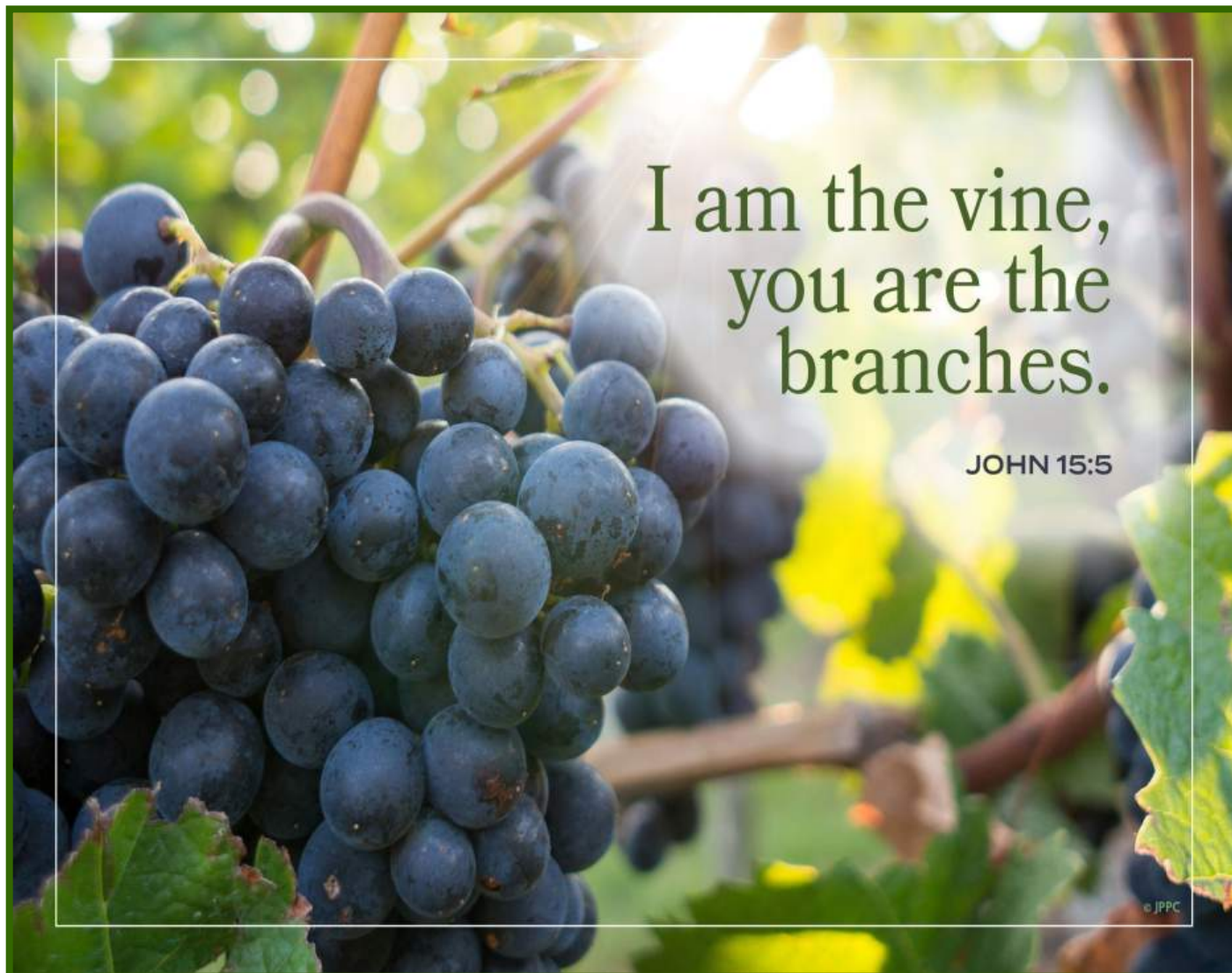


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JOHN 15:5

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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am
Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our parish's annual Feast Day dinner will take place on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Spring Mill Ball Room in Conshohocken. We have hired PTG caterers to supply our meal. They are an outstanding caterer and always serve excellent meals. The cost of the ticket is \$50.00 per person and \$20.00 for children below the age of 12. There is a cash bar. Tickets go on sale May 2nd until June 2nd. The menu is as follows:

Hors d'oeuvres – 14 different types including: Mini crab cakes - Buffalo wings - Mini tacos - Filet mignon on toast - Poppers - Cheeses - Antipasto - Bruschetta

Main course: Ravioli with 4 cheese sauce - Penne in light pink sauce - Chicken Francaise - Shrimp and Scallops - Asparagus - Roasted Potatoes Spring Mix salad

Desserts - Coffee and tea

*Music will be provided by Fasano Entertainment.
Join us for dinner, dancing and celebrating!*

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
we place our trust in Thee!***



Mother's Day: A Day of Roses and Baby Bottles

Mother's Day celebrates the gift of life. Without the gift of motherhood, we simply would not exist. While Mother's Day is a time for us to celebrate the love of the women who gave birth, nurtured, and loved us, it is also an opportunity for us to support mothers in need.

On Mother's Day, after all the Masses, the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell long stemmed roses to help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home. Additionally, we will make available baby bottles which are supplied by the Pro-Life union. We would ask each family to take a bottle home and fill it with change and bills and then return it to church. The proceeds from the bottles will also help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home.

For more information about the Guiding Star Maternity Home please visit their website:
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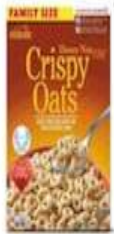
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 * 6:00pm at the Parish *
 * Hall and join our Caring for Friends *
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 * same time make new friends from *
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 * cheese or your favorite "comfort *
 * food" that can be scooped into a *
 * 16oz container. It needs to be able to *
 * be frozen so extra sauce or broth *
 * should be brought to keep it juicy! *
 * Hope to see you May 8th! *
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Friday, May 10th
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Normally, a **genuflection** in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a **profound bow** at the waist.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Leslie Zadroga

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Her Parents & Family

10:15am John & Florence Czapla

*Requested by Daughter, Rosemary Giovinco
& Family*

Monday, April 29

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

*Requested by Eric, Beth, Payton,
& Parker Miles*

Tuesday, April 30

8:00am John & Florence Czapla

*Requested by Son, John & Daughter-in-law,
Mary*

Wednesday, May 1

8:00am Paul C. Tranfield

1st Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, May 2

8:00am Anne Dewees O'Meara

10th Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Regina Janoski & Family

Friday, May 3

8:00am Maryanna Niemczyk

Requested by Sister, Barbara & Family

Saturday, May 4

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Mary Ann Krajnik

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Eleanor Grabowski

Sunday, May 5

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Esther & Robert Cantando

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 4:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, May 5:

8:00am

Lector: Connie Capaldo

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

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Lector: Danielle Cantando



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April 20 - 21, 2024

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This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in loving memory of

Joseph Olszewski

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by His Daughter, Roberta



First Saturday Devotions

Immediately following the Saturday 8 a.m. Mass at Our Mother of Divine Providence Church on May 4, First Saturday devotions consisting of the rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady of Fatima will be held. All are welcome!



**Pray For Our
Military Personnel**



Monday Night Rosary

There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

All are welcome to join us at **12:00 noon each Wednesday** to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.



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May 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Home Mission dioceses are often impoverished and have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations that stretch over vast areas of terrain. These economic, demographic, and geographic challenges make it difficult for the Church to minister to the needs of Her people in those regions. In addition, the populations of Home Mission dioceses are disproportionately impacted by unemployment, natural disasters, and crime rates.

In the Diocese of Amarillo, for example, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home in places where our brothers and sisters are most in need and please be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 earthbound 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!"

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