

5th Sunday of Easter

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11:30 – High Mass in memory of Frances Taylor from The Brown's
-Following Mass: Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour at the
Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

Monday– May 4, 2015 Solemnity Finding of the Holy Cross

Sunday– May 10, 2015 Mother's Day 6th Sunday Easter

9:30 – High Mass for God's blessings to All our Mothers.

-Mother's Day Breakfast - Following Mass: Everyone invited, please
join us for Parish and Family fellowship!

Bible Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter –Year B

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

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.

Responsorial Psalm 22

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.

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2nd reading: 1st Letter of St John 3:18-24

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.

Alleluia before the Gospel from St John 15:4

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

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

Holy Gospel according to St John 15:1-8

*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."*

Adult Bible Study for this week:

What's the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary?
A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the **responsorial psalm** assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

How is the Lectionary arranged? The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. **The Sunday cycle** is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2008 was Year A. 2009 was Year B, 2010 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the **epistles**, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read. **The weekday cycle** is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2009, 2011, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2010, 2012, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read

semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For **Advent**, Christmas, and **Lent**, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (i.e., some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started. The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but on the 1st Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations, for Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, funerals, etc.), and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

PARISH DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST Let us remember our Mothers in our special prayers. Let us honor them and gather together as Parish family for a brunch at our Parish fellowship hall following Mass.

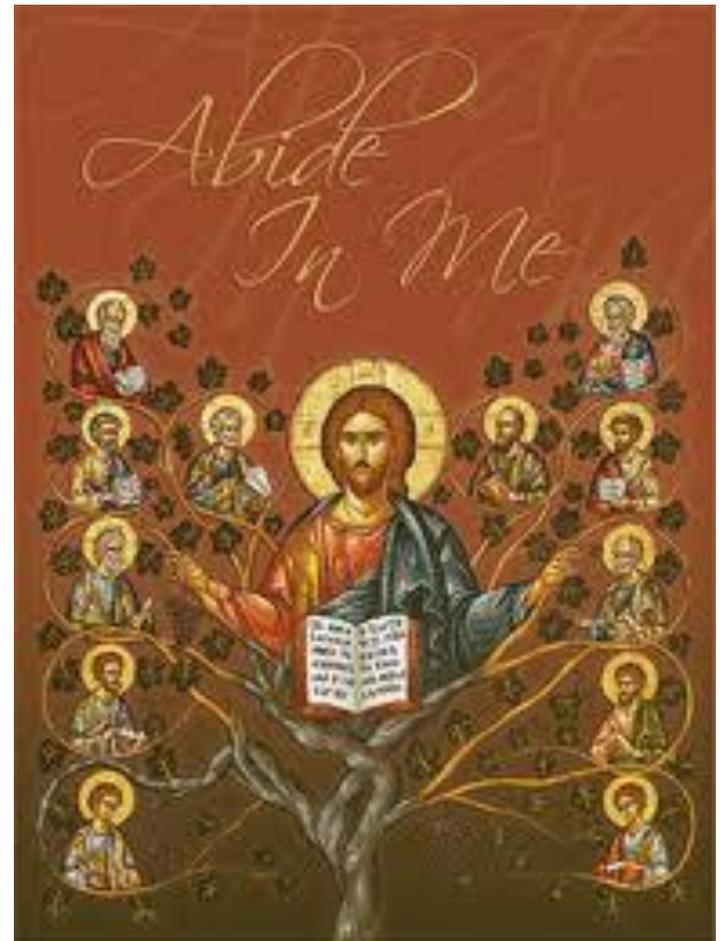
PARISH CALENDAR

- Mother's Day Sunday – May 10 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- Memorial Day- Sunday May 24 Mass for Veterans and Monday Memorial Day Bridesburg Memorial Day Parade

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Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. Gospel St John 15

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