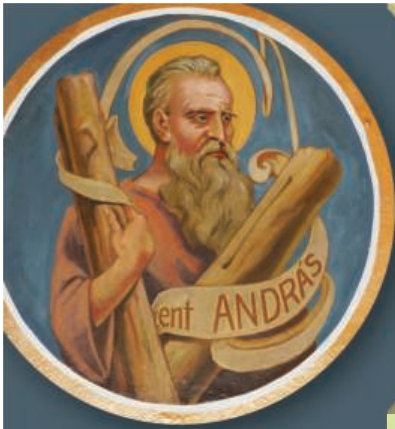


12 NORTH BROAD STREET IN WAYNESBORO, PA 17268



Sunday, April 28, 2024  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

A parish staffed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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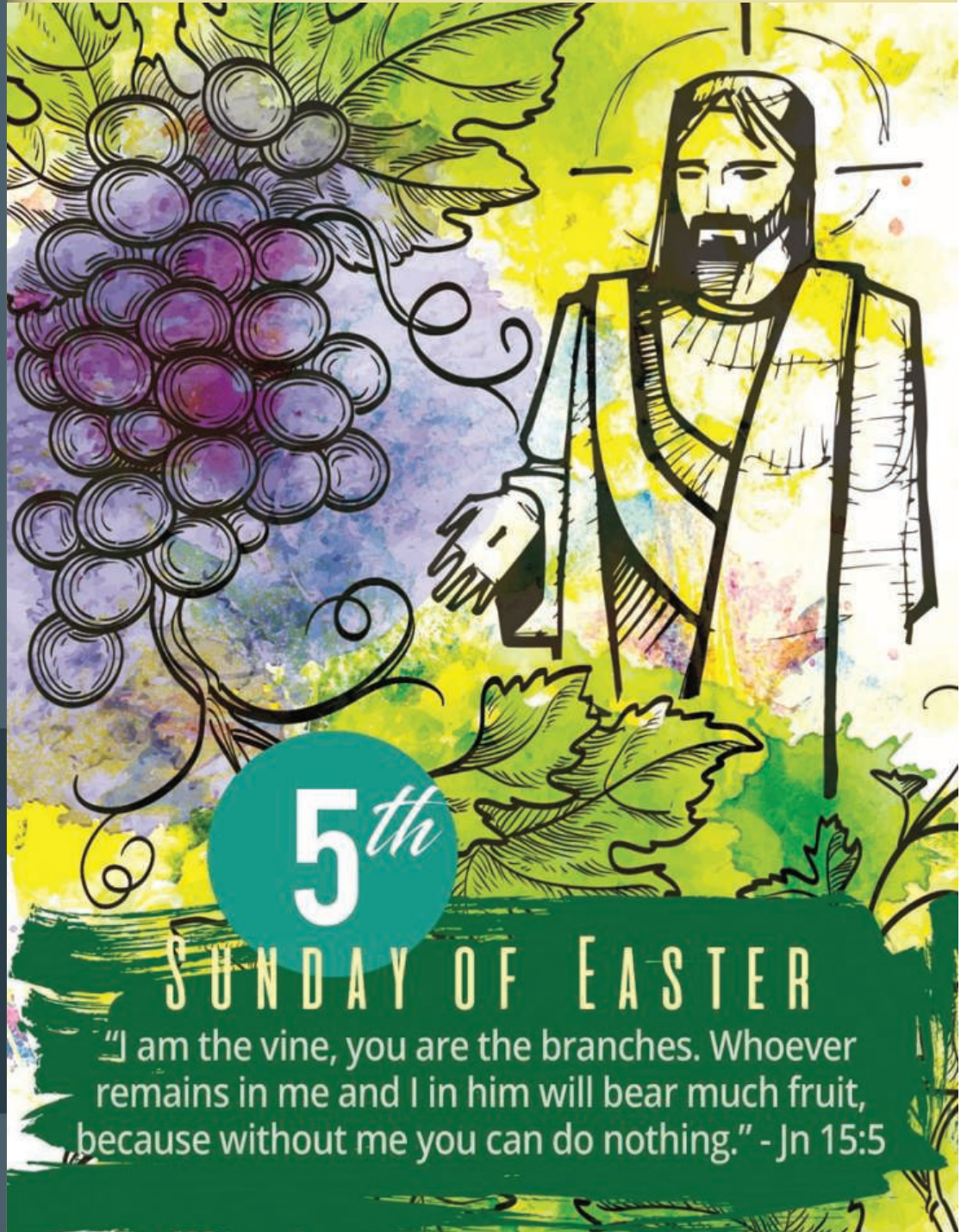
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**Parish Office Hours**

Mon-Thu 8:30AM – 3:30PM  
Fri 8:30AM – 12:30PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sat 3:30PM – 4:30PM  
First Wednesday 7PM – 8PM  
First Sunday 7AM – 7:45AM



**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“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.” - Jn 15:5

Saint Andrew Parish, on a pilgrim quest to eternal life with God, embraces its goal through the practice of the Roman Catholic faith while inviting everyone on the journey.



**Journeying Together as a Family of God  
Stewardship—doing the work of Christ  
April 14, 2024**

Weekly Income	\$ 4,052.00
Online	\$ 3,117.90
	\$ 7,169.90
Weekly Budget	\$ 8,200.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$ 1,030.10)
Poor Box	\$ 56.08

**This week: 4/28; Taylor England,** Brian & Verena Smith, Ginny Regi, Jim Judge, Melissa Fraley, The Chappell Family, LJ & Rachel Brown, Jr.; Linda Pitman, Sally Foster Harbaugh, Stephen Sargeant, John Parkolay, Deb Arena, Diane Arena, Lisa Ridder, Teresa Woodring; Nancy Johns, Rob Lininger, Debbie DeLore, Katie Gigante; Carolyn Sease, John Soffe, Edward White, Elvera Esposito, Bryan Chappell, Matthew Amann, Greg Kugler; John Kotlanger, Paul Bertuccini; Frankie Pulcinello; Ed & Delores Kislak; Alex Bowders, Neil Ober, Michael Dikun; Angela & Brian Gilmore, Jenna Reese; Thomas Cowen; Marilyn Devlin; For the Intentions of the Sue Miller Family, David Peker, Douglas Helm, Jonathan Baker; Bill Sneeringer, Dwayne Buhrman, Erika Fairlamb Tibbits, Deborah Greene, Sophia Ernst, Pam Grubb; Diane, Chris & Lone Wolf Family, Paul Fagan; Matthew Freeman, Lisa Duke, Jeremy Angstadt; Kelley Milligan Kline, Rose Anne Wayne; Lorna Stinebiser; Whitney Butterbaugh, Laura Harner, Steve Latter; Marcia Whitfield; Anna Weight; Diane Jones, Anita Seifert; Chris Grace, Andrea Morrow, The Sanders Family; Robert Butt, David Cauffman; Sarah Garner, Katie Gavin, Nanette Amann, Lynette Walker, Katie Richwine; Stacy Patridge, Anthony Yankowski; Les Waltan; Donna Fath, Brian Ulrich, Charles D. Cool, Jean Votral, Pam Cool, Richard E. Cool, Ellen Rose, Travis Griffin, Dorothy Bonner, Jessica Barber, Michelle Willhide; Lynn Phenicie, Chuck Johnson, Jude Grohs, Charles E. Willhide, For the Intentions of Chessie Mathews & Family, Caroline Shreck, Jim Jackson, Kathleen Schlossnagle, Alaina Sullivan Ingels, Richard E. Boudier, Atlee Constable, Tammy Miller, Paul Walter, Jr., Intentions of the Button Family, Maureen Martz, Alan Hockenberry, Pete Kauffman, Malcolm Bryan, Jo Pickert, Brian Shockey, William Johnson, Christina Sentelle, Keith Wolfrey, Aliene Misisis, Adele Hanson, Lisa White, James J. Thomas, Ed Bryner, Robin L. Fraley, Kathy Osbourn, Raylynn Gladhill, Jo Willard, Jim Barnes, Becky & Jeffrey Shreck, Jr., Gladys Wetzal, Eliana Bettwy, Catherine Hinkle. **Prayer List Policy:** *To help focus our prayers, names are kept on the list for one month. If someone is still in need of prayer, notify the office to list them for another month for as long as prayers are needed.*



**Today, April 28, 2024**  
**Catholic Home Missions Collection**  
**CCD Classes—Last Class —Sunday**  
 9:30-10:45am for Pre-K through Grade 8  
**Next Weekend, May 4/5, 2024**  
**Minister Schedule**  
*If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute.*  
**Saturday, May 4, 5pm:**  
**EMHC**—Sue Miller, Richard Ockovic, Mary Little; **Altar Servers**—Lillianna Schaefer, Pilar Quesada; **1 Needed;** **Reader**—William Wivell, **1 Needed;** **Gift Bearers**—**2 Needed;** **Greeters**—**2 Needed**  
**Sunday, May 5, 8:00am:**  
**EMHC**—Joey Barvir, Chris Bradley, Judy Baker; **Altar Servers**—Jonathan Pan, Isaac Moyer, Micah Moyer, ; **Reader**—Bella Cartwright, Jane Barvir; **Gift Bearers**—Terry Shockey, Thomas O'Connor; **Greeters**—Ginny Shockey, Rick Baker  
**Sunday, May 5, 11:00am:**  
**EMHC**—Rick Cook, Bill DeLise, Sue Miller; **Altar Servers**—Sophia Wolfinger, Grace Wolfinger, Theodore Mathews, Joseph Mathews; **Reader**—Mya Beck, **1 Needed;** **Gift Bearers**—Belen Aida Bautista, **1 Needed;** **Greeters**—Belen Aida Bautista, **1 Needed**  
**Please volunteer for the needed spots on the Ministry Schedule on the Website.**

**STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME**  
**SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**  
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**This weekend, we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.** Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation sacramental needs. **Should you wish to contribute to this collection, please remember to use the specially marked envelope for this collection or select the fund labeled “Catholic Home Missions” online. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).**

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

**LIFT UP THE WORLD  
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

**The Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches** invites you to join them in prayer for the **73rd Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12 noon in the Main Street Park in downtown Waynesboro.**

**Make plans to join our Christian community in prayer for our world!**

2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign  
**NOURISHED by FAITH**  
 THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Campaign to date. Of the 418 registered families in the parish, **98 families** have responded. To date, **we have raised \$39,975 toward the parish goal of \$58,785 a shortfall of \$18,810, 68% of our goal.** Any money collected that exceeds the Parish goal will be returned to our parish of Saint Andrew! It is not too late to make a gift and every contribution counts. If you have any questions or need more information about how to contribute, please contact the parish office, 717-762-1914, ext. 5 or contact the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development directly at 717-657-4804, ext. 336. **Many, many thanks to those who have made a contribution. And many thanks to those who will. May God bless you for your generosity.**

## Mass Schedule

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before each Mass.



### Mass of Anticipation

3:30—4:30 Confession

5:00 PM † William Whittington, Sr.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28

8:00 AM For the People / Pro Populo

11:00 AM For the Intentions Jonah Coleman & Amelia  
Pierce married on April 27 in Saint Andrew Church

### Monday, April 29

#### Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Craig Koons

### Tuesday, April 30

#### Easter Weekday

*Saint Pius V, Pope*

8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, May 1

#### Easter Weekday

*Saint Joseph the Worker*

8:00 AM † Sister Marcella Kramer, R.S.M.

7:00—8:00 PM Confession

### Thursday, May 2

#### Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Lucy Correa

### Friday, May 3

#### Saints Phillip & James, Apostles

8:30 AM Holy Hour & Adoration

9:30 AM † Harold "Buck" Bassett

### Saturday, May 4

#### Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Mass of Anticipation

3:30—4:30 Confession

5:00 PM † Raphael & Regina Hockenberry

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5

7:00—7:30 AM Confession

8:00 AM For the People / Pro Populo

11:00 AM † Mary & James Speaks



**April devotions** are addressed to the Eucharist, to the Holy Spirit and to Divine Mercy. The Eucharist symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus, which is renewed at every Mass, and His being descending on those He loved to protect them and guide them after His death. The Eucharist contains in itself all the love of Jesus, in all its forms: crucified, adoring, contemplative, praying, intoxicating. To reserve time and attention to this devotion leads to the attainment of many

graces and a sense of closeness to the priceless love of God. Jesus dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to Saint Faustina Kowalska in 1935, promising that whoever recites this prayer would have the certainty of dying in peace and grace, and of letting those who have listened to them die peacefully. This devotion guarantees forgiveness even to the most hardened and recidivist sinners, showing the immensity of Jesus' mercy.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is normally celebrated following the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a baptism preparation class (held monthly) prior to the baptism. The requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for information.

### Sacrament of Marriage

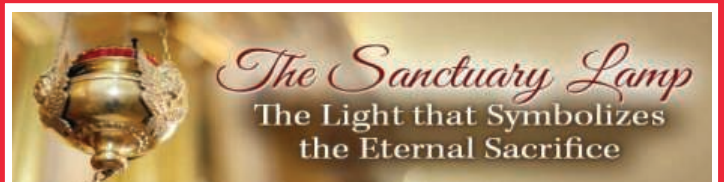
Diocesan policy requires 9 to 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. It should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death but is available to all who are in need of healing, before major surgery or when one is hospitalized. The Anointing of the Sick also takes place on the last weekend of every month after each Mass: Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and Sunday after both the 8:00am & 11:00 am Masses.

### Parish Ministries Directory

<u>Boy Scouts</u>	Fred Shetter 717-762-2462
<u>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</u>	Marcia Moyer 717-360-6740 Joe Baker 717-404-7127
<u>Cemetery</u>	Kathy Osbourn 717-352-3472
<u>Church Cleaning Crew</u>	Peg Wagaman 717-762-1914
<u>Council of Catholic Women</u>	Charles Frame 717-816-1137
<u>Finance Council Chair</u>	Rick Cook 717-729-2187
<u>Knights of Columbus</u>	Kathy Bourdeau 717-765-0791
<u>Music Director</u>	Kathy Bourdeau 717-765-0791
<u>Ministry Scheduler</u>	Cynthia O'Connor 757-714-8122
<u>Natural Family Planning</u>	Ken Brown 717-658-3551
<u>Parish Council Chair</u>	Margy Cook 717-749-0012
<u>Parish Nurse Program</u>	Betty Green 717-404-6814
<u>Prayer Chain</u>	Bernie Null 717-762-1471 Judy Baker 717-762-5642
<u>Pro-Life Committee</u>	Marcia Moyer 717-360-6740
<u>SCRIP</u>	Peg Wagaman 717-762-1914
<u>Saint Andrew Board of Education</u>	Sarah Stansfield 717-387-1785
<u>Social Outreach &amp; Advocacy Ministries</u>	Open
<u>Saint Andrew Seniors</u>	Sonnie Medevich 717-749-3837
<u>Waynesboro Fellowship of Churches</u>	Sue Miller 717-830-7693
<u>Young Adults Group</u>	afreeman9159@gmail.com or littlerach2011@gmail.com
<u>Youth Group</u>	standrewsyoung316@gmail.com



The Sanctuary Candle reminds us of the presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It burns this week for the Intentions of the newly confirmed of our Parish.

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





EUCCHARISTIC  
*Adoration*

**Saint Andrew Parish will hold a Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration on the last Friday of each month. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend.**

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**We need volunteers (both men and women!) to help clean the church on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from approximately 8:30am—9:30am.** As the saying goes, many hands make light work! Please prayerfully consider donating a small portion of your time to this ministry—please come and help!



**Young Adults (20's and 30's)!**

Looking for young adults in their 20's and 30's in Franklin County to join our Catholic Youth Group. Come join us for faith, fun, and fellowship! Events are posted on the "Franklin County PA Catholic Adult Youth Group" on Facebook. Interested or don't have Facebook? Please contact Rachel Little at [littleach2011@gmail.com](mailto:littleach2011@gmail.com) or Anissa Freeman at [afreeman9159@gmail.com](mailto:afreeman9159@gmail.com).

**Christ-centered Pregnancy Resources**

Are you facing an unexpected pregnancy or know someone who is? There are many life-affirming services and resources available in our Diocese and in our local area to assist pregnant women who need support at no cost.

Call or visit the local offices of Pregnancy Ministries, Inc. where you can receive services such as ultrasound scans, counseling, maternity and infant supplies, parenting education and post-abortion healing. They have offices in Waynesboro and Chambersburg:

<https://pregnacyministries.org/>

Or visit the Respect Life Ministries of the Diocese of Harrisburg: [hbgdiocese.org/respectlife/](http://hbgdiocese.org/respectlife/)



**John Itell Knights of Columbus Scholarship**



Council 2068 will again this year be offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving 2024 high school graduate who is a member of a local parish, Saint Andrew's, Waynesboro, Saint Rita's, Blue Ridge Summit, or Saint Mark's, Greencastle. Applications are available at the Council home, at the church parish office or on the web at [standrewwbo.org/kofc2068](http://standrewwbo.org/kofc2068). The deadline for the return of the application is May 27, 2024. For more information, please contact Fred Eisenhart at 717-762-7482 or [frede39@comcast.net](mailto:frede39@comcast.net).

**Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**12th Annual Weekend Retreat**  
MT. ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, EMMITSBURG, MD JUNE 14-16, 2024 (Friday Evening until Sunday Noon)  
**Retreat Master**  
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Harrisburg  
**Theme: Praying the Psalms: Come \*Reign or Shine**  
\*Not a misspelling!

**The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invite all women of the Diocese to join us for the 12th Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 14th until noon on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Our Retreat Master is Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Harrisburg. The registration deadline is May 31, 2024. Registration forms and more details are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church or in the parish office or on our website: [RETREAT \(harrisburgdiocesanccw.com\)](http://RETREAT(harrisburgdiocesanccw.com)).**

**Vacation Bible School 2024 – Save the dates!**  
VBS is scheduled the week of **June 17-21, 2024 from 9:30am until Noon here in the parish.** This program is for students currently in grades K-6. **Volunteers will be needed in the following areas: Teachers, teacher aides, snacks, games and crafts.** If you are interested in helping with this program in any way, please contact Peg Wagaman at [PWagaman@SaintAndrewSchool.org](mailto:PWagaman@SaintAndrewSchool.org).

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Sunday, April 28, 2024  
 The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father as a vintner who prunes branches that are bearing fruit so that they will produce even more. There is a strong emphasis on bearing fruit; the expression "bear fruit" occurs five times in the passage. It speaks not only of the fecundity in our relationship with God but also of the missionary outreach and of interdependence with the other branches on the vine.

The image of God as a vine grower and Israel as the vineyard is a familiar one in the Scriptures (e.g., Isa5:1-7; 27:2-5; Jer 2:21; Ps 80:8-18). Most often the metaphor is used to express God's disappointment in the lack of yield from the vine so tenderly planted and nurtured. In the Gospel of John, this is not the case. The disciples Jesus is addressing in this Last Supper scene (15:3) are "already pruned" so that they will bear more fruit. Branches that do not bear fruit are taken away.

Pruning is a Johannine metaphor for the passion. It is akin to the image in John 12:24, where Jesus speaks of the seed that must fall to the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. The emphasis is on the life that sprouts forth from the dying and the pruning. Expert gardeners know that the place to prune is, paradoxically, where the nodes are bursting with life.

From pruning, the stress in the gospel shifts to the importance of the branch remaining united to the vine in order to bear fruit. A branch cannot bear fruit on its own; cut off from the vine, it withers and dies, and then is good only for kindling. That remaining or abiding in Jesus is crucial for disciples is evident in that the verb *menein*, "to abide," occurs eight times in these eight verses. This mutual indwelling has been spoken of since the opening chapter of the gospel, where the first question asked by the initial two disciples is "where are you staying [*pou meneis*]?" (1:38). Another important moment is when the Samaritans ask Jesus to stay (*menein*) with them (4:40). In the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus tells his followers, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains [abides: *menei*] in me and I in him" (6:56). True disciples abide in Jesus's word (8:31) and Jesus's words remain in disciples (15:7). When Jesus tells his disciples he is going to prepare a dwelling place for them (14:2), it becomes clear that the "abiding place" is not a geographical locale but is Jesus himself (14:6), where also the Father makes his home (14:23), along with the Spirit.

How can we ensure that we are abiding in Christ and he in us? In the second reading, 1 John 3:24 gives a simple formula: "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 that he gave us." The writer also spells out what it means to keep the commandments: "we should believe in the name of ... Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

*From Living Liturgy*

*From our Pastor's Pen...*



## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

John 15:1-8 opens with Jesus using the imagery of a vine and branches to illustrate the relationship between himself and his followers. Just as branches draw their life and sustenance from the vine, Jesus emphasizes the importance of believers staying connected to him in order to bear fruit. This passage highlights the importance of abiding in Christ and remaining in close communion with him.

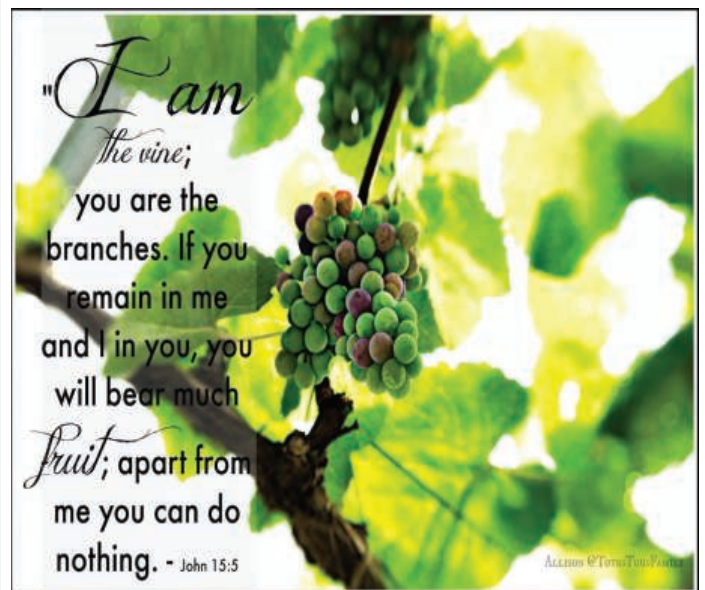
One key theological insight from this passage is the idea of dependence on Christ. Just as branches cannot bear fruit on their own, believers are incapable of producing spiritual fruit apart from Christ. This underscores the central role of Jesus in the life of a Christian – without him, we can do nothing.

Another theological reflection from this passage is the concept of pruning. Jesus mentions that the Father prunes the branches in order for them to bear more fruit. This process of cleansing and refining can be painful, but it is necessary for spiritual growth and maturity. It serves as a reminder that God works in and through our lives, shaping us into the people he has called us to be.

Additionally, the image of bearing fruit emphasizes the outward manifestation of our faith. Just as a healthy vine produces abundance of fruit, so too should the followers of Christ bear evidence of their relationship with him through their actions, attitudes, and character.

Overall, John 15:1-8 is a rich theological passage that reminds believers of the importance of remaining connected to Christ, depending on him for spiritual life and sustenance, and allowing God to prune and shape us for greater fruitfulness. It challenges us to reflect on our own relationship with Christ and to strive for a deeper, more intimate connection with him in order to bear fruit that brings glory to God.

God bless you,  
 Father Christopher





## Daily Readings & Reflections



### Monday, April 29, 2024 Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

*Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26*

Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all.

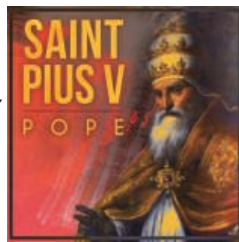
### Tuesday, April 30, 2024 Easter Weekday

*Memorial of Saint Pius V, Pope*

*Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27*

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Saint Pius V, a 16th-century pope, is said to have been a patron of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, a prolific religious composer who wrote no fewer than 105 Masses along with dozens of hymns, magnificats, litanies, and lamentations. In earlier centuries, the Catholic Church was the principal patron of the fine arts. The investment was worth it, as the church's sponsorship fostered the creation of countless musical treasures. Encourage your own parish or diocese to carry on the tradition and be a benefactor of the arts. Great art sheds light on the beauty and mystery of God's creation.



### Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Easter Weekday

*Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker*

*Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8*

Today's memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional "May Day" dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country's history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus?

### Thursday, May 2, 2024 Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

*Acts 15:7:21; Jn 15:9-11*

Maybe because his own world was so full of discord—early Christians bickering about doctrine, himself repeatedly exiled by emperors for his own belief in Jesus—Saint Athanasius (295-373) kept returning to the image of harmony to teach about God's ways. "A choir is composed of a variety of men, women, and children, of both old and young. Under the direction of one conductor, each sings in the way that is natural for him: men with men's voices, boys with boys' voices, old people with old voices. Yet all of them produce a single harmony." What a helpful reminder whenever we think others should agree with us! Unity can exist without uniformity.



### Friday, May 3, 2024 Feast of Saints Philip & James, Apostles

*1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14*

Based on the sparse details history has preserved about the apostles Philip and James, it would seem that they did nothing all that noteworthy. They simply chose to follow Christ and do the works he did. But their radical, countercultural choice—one that led to their martyrdom—was really quite extraordinary. The same holds true for any modern Christians trying to do the works of Jesus. We may not capture the attention of news reporters or historians for choosing to love our neighbors and forgive our enemies, but we will certainly catch God's eye, which is imperative if we hope to enter the Kingdom that exists outside the bounds of history.

### Saturday, May 4, 2024 Easter Weekday

*Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21*

A little more than halfway through the Acts of the Apostles Saint Luke mentions the original 12 apostles for the last time. From then on the book is pretty much the story of the acts of the other great apostle, Saint Paul. While Paul felt it necessary to defend his status as an apostle from time to time, there's no doubt he was largely responsible for bringing the gospel of Jesus out of its Jerusalem center and spreading it around the Mediterranean area, from which it eventually spread to the whole world, as Christ had intended it to do. The passing along of the Good News of Jesus and the shape the church gives it have been the responsibility of Christians from the first days. They still are today.



### Never Alone – Young Adult Retreat, May 24-26

Come join other young adults, married or single, in their 20s and 30s from the Diocese of Harrisburg for an overnight weekend retreat. This year's retreat focus will be on the theme **Never Alone**. We will discuss the many ways that Jesus is still present in our lives and walking with us every step of the way, just as He promised. Not only that, but He provides us with companions for the journey in the form of each other. **The retreat will include Mass, prayer, Confession, teachings, small groups, fellowship, and fun!** Check-in will start on Friday, May 24 from 7-8pm and the retreat will conclude on Sunday, May 26 around 12pm. The cost includes all retreat activities, three meals on Saturday, Sunday Brunch, and lodging. For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/neveralone>

### Food for the Spirit:

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." ~ Saint Augustine

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