

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of April 18, 2021:	
Regular:	\$2.556/12
Tithing income for the week of April 25, 2021:	
Regular:	Not available
Mass Attendance for April 24, 2021	44
Mass Attendance for April 25, 2021	79



It with sadness that this announcement is made: Fr. Jay is being transferred to St. Theresa's, New Cumberland, as parochial vicar there, effective June 21st. We will be welcoming his replacement about that time, but who that will be is not to be announced until June 5th priesthood ordinations. Most parochial vicar terms are 2-3 years. Bishop Gainer was very generous to have allowed Fr. Jay to stay here for 4 years. A 5th year is almost unheard of, so it is time we share Fr. Jays gifts and talents with another congregation, which will, of course, benefit greatly from his loving ministry. Please continue to keep Fr. Jay in your prayers.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

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 everyone 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... I am the vine, you are the branches.'

It is springtime, and with God's help there is a reawakening of life in us all. Buds are sprouting on the trees, early flowers are beginning to appear, and John's gospel offers another 'I am' teaching.

Jesus spoke to the disciples and we are numbered among them. The grace of God, the new life He gives us is directed outward to bearing fruit. Our spiritual lives depend on that grace and it impels us to bring it to others. Allow the Lord to speak through you, as you invite someone to return to life in the church, to experience the growth that comes from God and the life that brings us peace, especially in this time of trial.

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, May 1: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 14:7-14

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 John 3:18-24; John 15:4a, 5b

9:15 AM Jack and Patricia Marshall from
Scott & Alice Arnold

Monday, May 3: Sts Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6-14

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 4: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
21; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 5: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 6: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 7: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-9, 10 & 12;
John 15:12-17

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, May 8: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5;
John 15:18-21

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; ! John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

9:15 AM A. Palumbo from Trudy Ober

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and

for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of soul

It is with sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Fr. John D. Schmalhofer on April 26, 2021. Fr. Schmalhofer served as Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1988-1995. Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Schmalhofer and for his family.

First Friday Adoration will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Spanish Mass will be held Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.



Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use**. Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in the basket at the back of the church by the Baptismal font.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Were you married in 1971? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special **Mass and reception on Sunday, July 11, 2021** at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 717-242-2781.



A Note from Fr. Bill

Some Coronavirus restrictions for church are easing up, by June, although **masks and social distancing will continue indefinitely**. Singing softly with mask on is now permitted and waving or nodding for the sign of peace may be done. The DVD, CD and pamphlet rack is open with the lighting of candles and hymnals in the pews to be restored soon. We have avoided any kind of large outbreak of Coronavirus from any of the Masses this year largely because of your cooperation, and **you are all to be commended** for that, along with the volunteer sanitizers, ushers and greeters maintaining the precautions over these last 12 months. May we maintain our vigilance and our prayers for those negatively affected by the pandemic, knowing that **God continues to guide us to His light and His life.**

Fr. Bill

Celebration of Fr. Bateman's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

You are cordially invited to an **OPEN HOUSE** in Brenner Hall at St. Patrick Parish, York on **Sun., May 23 from 12 noon to 4:30 PM**. Light refreshments will be served all afternoon and all required COVID safety protocols will be observed. Prior to and following the Open House Fr. Bateman invites you to celebrate Mass with him at 11 AM & 5 PM in thanksgiving for his 25 years of priesthood serving the people of our Diocese. In lieu of gifts, per Fr. Bateman's request, St. Patrick Parish is setting up a **CHALICE FUND** to purchase a new chalice commemorating Fr. Bateman's Silver Anniversary – the chalice will be donated to St. Patrick's. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, donations should be addressed to St. Patrick Parish, 219 S. Beaver St., York, PA 17401 – write "Chalice Fund" in the memo.



SCHOOL NEWS

Virtual Auction Update!

The auction committee has made the difficult decision to hold our **Spring Auction virtually on our Facebook Page May 23-25, 2021**. We will be holding a **take-out only spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 22nd from 4:30-7:00 from the school**. Tickets are **\$6** apiece and can be purchased at the Parish Office. A Bake sale and a pre-packaged SHS Signature Sausage (Italian Sausage stuffed with tomato basil & mozzarella cheese) sale will also be held that day. **Sausages will be sold uncooked in packs of 3 for \$7, pre-orders are not needed, but encouraged. Please call the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 to pre-order.** An in-person auction with all traditional events is being planned for the first weekend in October at the Mifflin County Youth Park. For any questions, please contact Ashley Henry via email at development@sacredheartschool.com.



Sacred Heart School All Cash Raffle

It's time for Sacred Heart's All Cash Raffle! You can now pick your tickets up at the Parish office. **Proceeds from the raffle**



are the single most profitable segment of the SHS Benefit Auction, and we need everyone's help and support! If all tickets would be sold, we could raise **\$35,000** for our Parish and School! We encourage you to ask your family, friends and co-workers that are near and far to buy tickets and for you to sell as many as you can to help us exceed our goal. If you can sell more, please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781. **Please return sold/unsold tickets and money to the Parish Office or collection basket no later than Monday, May 17th.** For sold tickets, please make one check payable to "Sacred Heart Parish". Thank you in advance for your help with this important fundraiser. **Winners will be drawn on Tuesday, May 25. A special Thank You to Jim & Steve Dalton for sponsoring the printing of the tickets.**

Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. There is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**

SHS Virtual Information Session

SHS will be holding a virtual information session on



April 28th from 5:30-7:00 for any prospective families interested in sending their child for the 2021-2022 school year. You can reserve your half hour session time by calling the

school at 717-248-5351 or emailing development@sacredheartschool.com and a zoom link will be sent to you. Please spread the good news of our school. All are invited to attend and hear what our school has to offer.