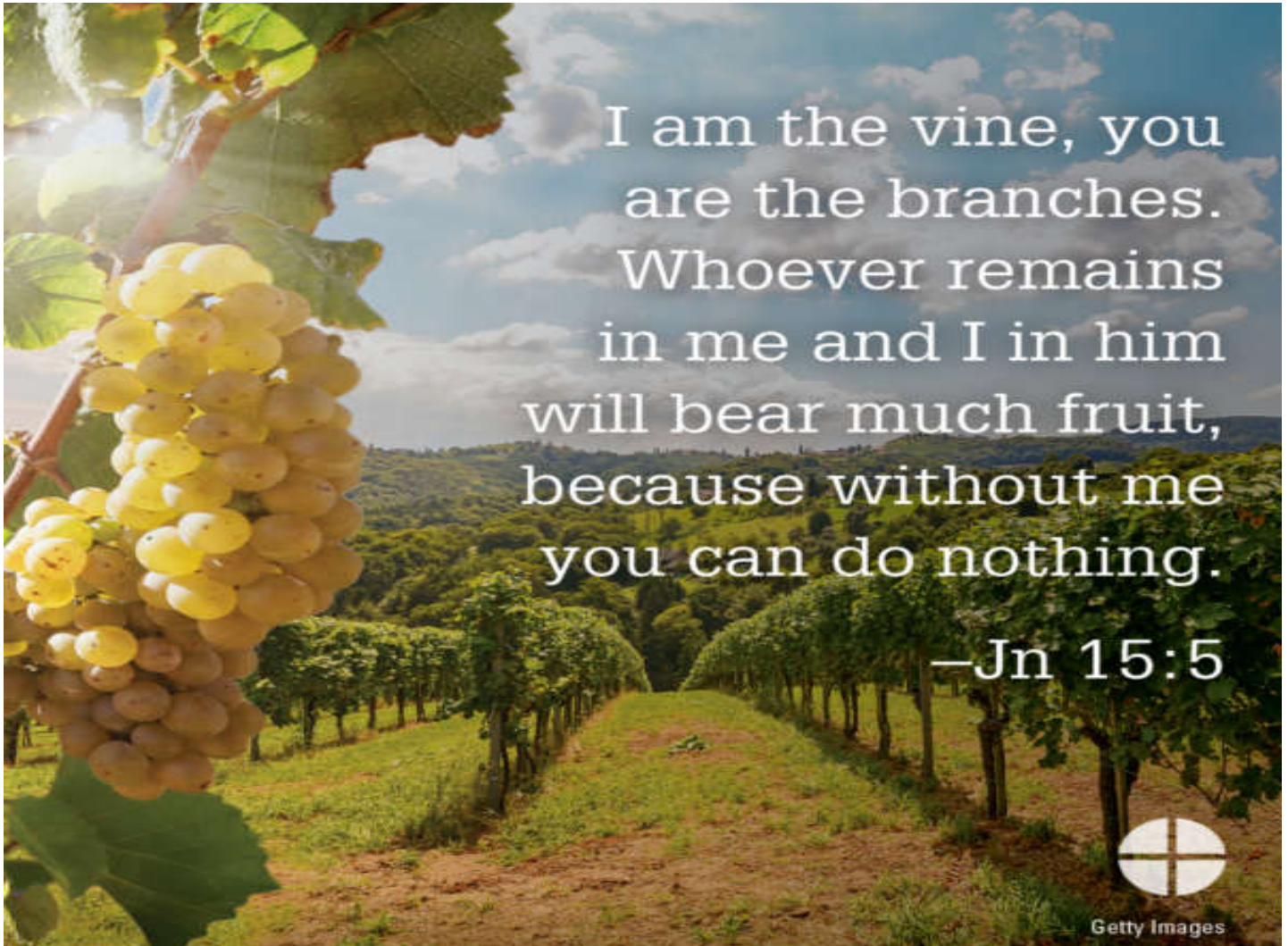


*Fifth Sunday of
Easter*

May 2, 2021



St. Stephen's Catholic Church

303 Lincoln Way East

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

717-485-3723

Pastor: Father Derek Fairman

Mass Times:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Confession Times:

Saturday before Mass

Sunday after Mass



Week of May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading:
Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading:
1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel Reading:
Jn 15:1-8



Ministry Contacts

St. Stephen Church

717-485-3723

<http://www.fultoncatholic.com>

ssmcb@dioceseaj.org

Pastor - Father Derek Fairman

*In case of an emergency and you
need to
contact*

*Father Fairman, please call the
Everett Parish Office at
814-652-5854*

dfairman@dioceseaj.org

Fulton County Catholic Mission

*Carmelite Community of the Word
Sr. Martha Burbulla, 717-485-5917*

*If you see or suspect child abuse...
Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313*

or

Visit <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov>



*PARISH
COUNCIL*

MEMBERS

Susan Cabbage

Marlene Joyce

Deb Leese

Alex Serrano

Russ Trembl

Janice Wolfe

Collection

April 25, 2021

<i>Regular/Weekly</i>	<i>\$1094.00</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Catholic Home Missions</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>



May 2021

Mother's Day Flower Sale

St. Stephen Family Life Committee will be holding a Mother's Day flower sale on Friday, May 7, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. There will be hanging flower baskets, small planters, bluebird houses and feeders for sale. Please support this fundraiser.

Some help is needed to set up in front of the CORE building at 8:00am that morning and with cleaning up at 5:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact Deb Leese at 717-485-3666.



Communion Services

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.



Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021

At 6:30 p.m. in the Church Social Hall

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a mass intention for your loved ones living and /or deceased, please use the Mass Intention Envelope.

You may put your Mass Intention in the offering box located in the back of the Church.

Thank You



First Holy Communion at St. Stephen's May 9

Charlie Jansen, Garrett Jones and Bronx Serrano will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 9, at the Noon Mass. Let us pray for them this week as they get ready for this special moment in their lives.



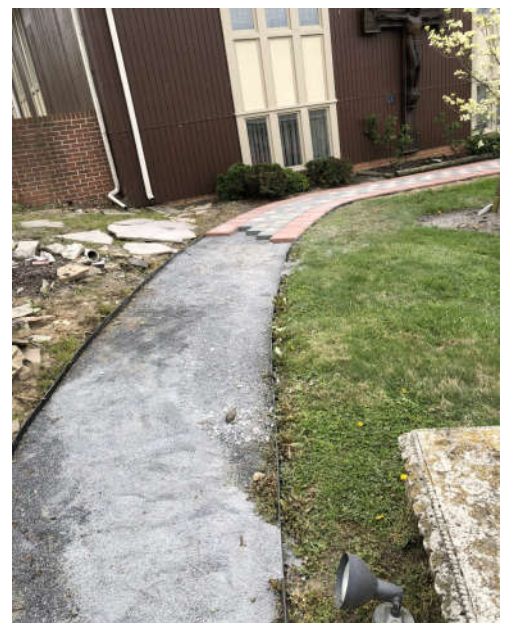
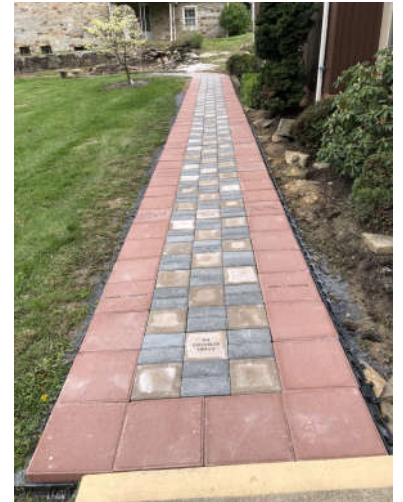
The month of May is dedicated to our mother, Mary. Spend time with her in prayer. <https://catholiccurrent.org/prayers/litany-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-mother-of-life/>

Sister Margie Memorial Walkway Underway

A memorial Rose Garden is also being planned for Sister Margie to the left of the Grotto.

If you would like to donate towards it put money in an envelope with your name. Label the envelope "Rose Garden".

*Also include
In Memory of or In Honor of if you would like.*



INVITATION FOR YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMS

The month of May begins the series of reflections on Pope Francis Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde (With A Father's Heart)* released on December 8, 2020.

WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". [1] **Matthew and Luke, the two evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.** [2]

Saint Joseph, Model of Workers, pray for us.

Pope Pius XII proposed Saint Joseph as Patron of Workers. [3] Each year the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. We know that Joseph was a carpenter (Mt 13:55) who was always ready to carry out God's will. In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis states, "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary model." *Patris Corde*, December 8, 2020, 1. 2. **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown

This historic Church, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, will be opening once a month for visitation and self-guided tours beginning after May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. **Schedule:** The Church will be open from Noon – 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 1, then on Sundays: May 2, June 6th, July 4 and September 5.

A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark as Main Celebrant, will be held on Sunday August 1 at 4:00 PM. The Church will be open from Noon - 3:30 PM, with Confessions from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Curator: Marian Farabaugh: stjosephmissionchurch1830@gmail.com, *A website will be coming soon.*

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 30, 2020 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. Deadline to register is May 24, 2021. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.



MASS Intentions

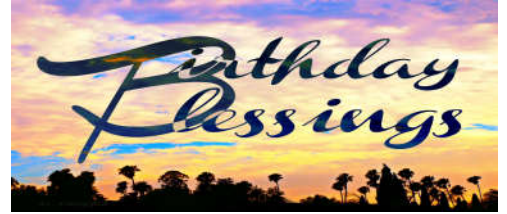
For May

- Saturday - 5/1/2021 For The People*
- Sunday - 5/2/2021 Korbyn Rotz req. by Family*
- Saturday - 5/8/2021 +Walter Rapsinski req. by Loren & Deb Leese*
- Sunday - 5/9/2021 +John Houppert req. by Jim Houppert*
- Saturday - 5/15/2021 +Ray Tremel req. by Millie Tremel*
- Sunday - 5/16/2021 For The People*
- Saturday - 5/22/2021 For The People*
- Sunday - 5/23/2021 For The People*
- Saturday - 5/29/2021 For The People*
- Sunday - 5/30/2021 For The People*

Collection Counters Schedule for May

- 5/2/2021 Marlene Joyce & Naomi Marcus*
- 5/9/2021 Ed & Karen Leisinger*
- 5/16/2021 Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake*
- 5/23/2021 Marlene Joyce & Naomi Marcus*
- 5/30/2021 Ed & Karen Leisinger*

May Birthday Blessings



- 5/2 Chase Keiper
- 5/15 Carol Babinsack
- 5/16 Lauren Dukehart
- 5/18 Sarah Hollinshead
- 5/19 Wes Bafile
- 5/26 Andrew Hawkins
- 5/27 Russ Tremel
- 5/28 Sally Gresty
- 5/29 Brad Dukehart
- 5/31 Ana Grissinger
- 5/31 Margie McGuire
- 5/31 Angela Roman



- 5/4 Bob and Joni Peck
- 5/10 Jeff and Karen Croft
- 5/26 Todd and Carleen Grissinger

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 sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sin 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

PROFESSION ON FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the 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:
and by the Holy Spirit (please bow) 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 the life of the world to come. Amen

Reading 1

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

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

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.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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.”

