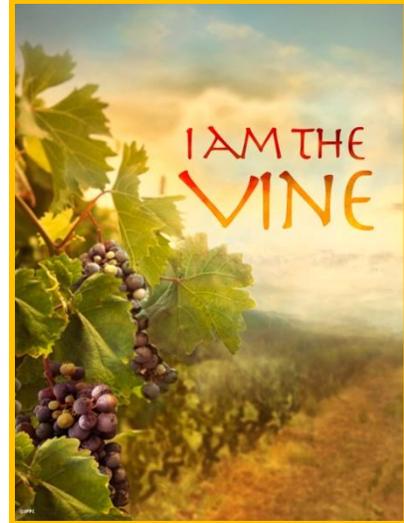


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April 25, 2021

Chloe Cohen
Emma Conard
Max Ferko
Liam Hagerty



Jakob Hughes
Angelique Mejias
Evah Mitchell
Nolan Quinn

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 8:30 and 11:30 AM
St. Joseph: 10 AM
Daily: 6:30 AM (Adoration Chapel) Mon. through Fri.
10:00 AM (Adoration Chapel) Tues. and Thurs.
8:00 AM (Adoration Chapel) Sat.
St. Joseph: 9:30 AM Mon., Wed., Fri
Holyday: No Vigil Mass at Presentation
Holyday: 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM
(*Except Christmas & New Year's Day*)
St. Joseph: Vigil Mass, 7:30 PM; Holyday: 9:30 AM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Each Saturday following the Rosary at 7:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the month at 1 PM

Baptismal Instructions:

2nd Monday of each month at
7 PM in the rectory.

Pre-registration is required; please
contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least
six months before the date of the
wedding.

May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

St. Paul not only witnesses the risen Jesus, but also has become His missionary. At the same time, Paul's conversion evidently brought peace to the Palestinian Church communities.

Second Reading: I John 3: 18-24

God, being "greater than our hearts" still inspires confidence even if our consciences condemn us. As a result, we do what pleases Him.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

The vine and branch imagery includes an assurance from Jesus that the Word of God has made the disciples safe from pruning. When these disciples "bear fruit" as His emissaries they glorify the Father.

Reflection:

If God has any "pruning" to do so that we can become more fruitful disciples of Jesus, it can happen when we are attentive to the Word at our Eucharist. What we hear may help us realize how often we have missed or ignored God's gracious outreach to us. Having heard that Word will keep us connected to Jesus the Vine and give us renewed energy and desire to bear fruit as his disciples.

So we ask ourselves:

- When have I felt God has spoken a special word to me?
- What have I done to respond to what I have heard?



Readings for the Week – May 2, 2021

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, May 3, 2021, Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

6:30 Patrick Cowley
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

6:30 Thomas and Mary Donahue
10:00 John and Mary Connolly

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

6:30 Holy Souls
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, May 6, 2021

6:30 Florence Kuczynski
10:00 Dorothy Waterman

Friday, May 7, 2021

6:30 Thomas and Marie Magras
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, May 8, 2021

8:00 Sylvestro and Emilio Lombardo

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Please keep in your daily prayers, those who are sick and in need of God's healing touch.



Miriam Abaladejo, Joseph Affet, Sonny & Paul Andris, Edward Anstotz, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Regina Carberry, Sr. Marie Cella, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Bob Gottschalk, Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Brian Hinchey, Mary Hillenbrand, Stanley Hrynko, Ethel Iannuzzi, Russel Kahny, Joey Lanzi, Jaime Loyola, Mary McGlinn, Donna McGonigle, Bill Mahoney, Eileen Myer, Andrew Mamrol, Norah Mason, Mary Ellen Murphy, Theresa Noraka, Eileen S. Smith, Anthony Piotrowski, Mary Rowland, Patty Rowley, Ann Ruocchio, Ann Schlimer, Aiden Smith-Kirk, Michael R. Smith, Theresa and Bill Sheviver, Josephine D. Smith, Rita Marie Smith, Marie Verna, Steven Specht Jr., Howard Stickley III, Ethel Thomas, Joan Unterkofler, Chris Vogel, James White, Patricia Wilbert

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham/>

Feast Day Tip - Month of Mary

Looking for outdoor activities? Spend the month of Mary starting and tending to a Mary garden. The tradition goes back to the Middle Ages when the religious planted gardens and gave the flowers names related to Mary to help teach the faith. A Mary garden will be much like any other flower garden, though a statue of Mary will be the focal point. The flowers you choose to plant should have some relation to Mary. For example, roses are a popular choice. Other flowers to include might be lilies of the valley (Mary's tears), marigolds (Mary's gold), lavender (Mary's drying plant), and daisies (Mary's star.)

Visit [feastday.co](http://www.feastday.co) for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.

Pres Events, 05/02 – 05/08		
	Parish	School
Sun., 05/02		
Mon., 05/03		
Tues., 05/04	PREP, 6:45 – 8:05	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 05/05		
Thurs., 05/06		Here Comes the Sun Dress Down Day, \$1
Fri., 05/07		
Sat., 05/08		



The entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia is encouraged to spend this year growing closer to St. Joseph, honoring him, imitating his virtues, and asking for his intercession. May this be a year of great grace for all of us as we grow closer to our spiritual father! More Info: <http://archphila.org/joseph/>

Food Cupboard Sunday
 "When I was hungry, you gave Me to eat"
 Please bring your food donations to Mass next weekend. Items most in need at the cupboard are peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, juice, cereal, rice, canned beans, and evaporated milk. Thank you for your generosity.

Support Pres! Buy Scrip Online!



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 Use the Presentation BVM code:
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 Need help? Please contact Nicole Herbert (215) 939-3900 or Kathleen Hurst (215) 870-8251.

Scrip Hours

Monday: 8 am – 10 am;
 Tuesday: 2 pm – 3 pm;
 Wed.: 2 pm- 3 pm; 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Thursday: 8 am – 10 am;
 Friday: 8 am – 10 am;
 Saturday: closed;
 Sunday: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Scrip is also available on line 24/7.
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Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions
<http://archphila.org/resources/>
 Live stream Mass at [facebook.com/stjoescheltenham](https://www.facebook.com/stjoescheltenham)

Josephine Connelly Achievement Award
 Congratulations to Presentation BVM 8th grader Sinead H. She is the 2020-2021 Josephine Connelly Achievement Award recipient. This award is a 4 year, 40% scholarship to an Archdiocesan High School. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Sinead at St. Hubert's High School.



Spring Rummage Sale
 Our May 2021 Rummage Sale is cancelled due to continuing COVID concerns. We are hopeful that the Fall Rummage Sale will take place later this year. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH HALL. If you have some really nice items and are willing and able to store them yourself for later this year, thank you. Otherwise we encourage you to donate your items to Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army, Holy Redeemer Thrift Shop, or any other organization that is currently accepting donations. Again, please do not bring anything to our Church Hall at this time. Thank you!



Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"
 Bartholomew, Andrew, Peter, Philip, Thomas, John, James the Greater, James the Less, Jude, Judas, Simon, and Matthew

2020 Year End Contribution Report
 The year-end report of contributions in 2020 is available at now. In order to obtain this report, please complete the information request on the form below and return it to the rectory. For purposes of clarity, this form is the only way we can honor your request.

2020 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REQUEST
 I/we request this report for:

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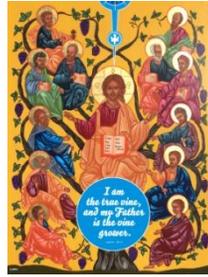
Reflection on Sunday's Gospel by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A mere ten minutes from my front door in South New Jersey lies a vineyard. Despite the absence of the climate that holds forth in France, Italy, and California, it flourishes. When I drive by it, I can catch a glimpse of those long straight lines of bushes. Often enough, I think of those immortal words of Christ that we hear this weekend about the vine and its branches. As the Master of metaphor, Our Lord speaks here of an intimacy between God and ourselves, the likes of which none of the pagan religions popular at the time could match.

Our Lord offers us an easy concept to grasp, even if our only connection to a vineyard is tasty liquid bottled and bound for our table. We know from any shrub how connected the parts are. When a heavy snow bears down on a branch and bends it low, it may snap. When its green growth fades to a baleful brown, we know it's time for pruning.

In a way, we're just the same. At times we have bent to the pressure of temptation and broken away. Maybe we've "changed colors," from a red-blooded loyalty to Christ to the pallid yellow of denying Him. Most often, this last springs from our desire to show others that we Catholics are just like everybody else, which often enough we should not be. What is consoling at such times is the basic fact that the love energy in this relationship comes from God. He takes the first step. The vine prior exists before any branches. All that we really have to do is respond as best we can, staying fully attuned to His will and ways.

Even if we have little or no connection with a vineyard, we have to admit that they are high maintenance items. That plenty of hard work is involved in their care and production. Just so has the whole enterprise of being a good Christian been from the beginning. The resurrection of Our Lord that certified His teaching and promises spurs us on. We know that if we want to live forever, staying well-connected to the divine Vine, we occasionally have to prune away from ourselves any notion that we're doing just fine as we are, with



no need for improvement. The very shape of a cross speaks to this, for it is an "I" with a slash through it. Only then will we be fit to be missionary disciples as Christ calls us to be.

One snowy morning at 5:00 am, a missionary candidate rang the bell at the rectory of the bishop's missionary board member. Ushered into the office, he sat three hours past his appointment time waiting for his interview. At 8:00 am, the priest examiner finally appeared and began his questioning.

"Can you spell?"

Rather mystified, the candidate answered, "Yes, Father."

"All right, spell 'baker'."

"B-A-K-E-R."

"Fine. Now, do you know anything about numbers?" the priest examiner continued.

"Yes, Father, I know something."

"Please add two plus two."

"Four," replied the candidate.

"That's fine," said the priest. "I believe you have passed. I'll tell the board tomorrow."

At the bishop's board meeting, the priest examiner reported on the interview. "He has all the qualifications for a fine missionary. First, I tested him on self-denial, making him arrive at the rectory at five in the morning. He left a warm bed on a snowy morning without any complaint. Second, I tested him on promptness. He arrived on time. Third, I examined him on patience. I made him wait three hours to see me. Fourth, I tested him on temper. He failed to show any anger or aggravation. Fifth, I tried his humility by asking him questions that a seven year old child could answer, and he showed no indignation. So, you see, I believe the candidate meets the requirements. He will make the fine missionary that we need." God love you and give you His peace.

Spirit-given abilities are needed, but Spirit-produced fruit is more significant.

God love you, and give you His peace.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Reverend Msgr. Benz of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. CCA was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes



in America and the priests and nuns working in the church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Msgr. Bentz was born in Chester, PA, in 1943. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1962 and served in both Panama and Vietnam as a paramedic. Upon completion of his service in 1966, he received a BA in accounting from Drexel Institute of Technology. He then entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook and graduated with a BA of Philosophy and MA of Divinity.

After his ordination in 1975, Monsignor Bentz served as an assistant pastor in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and as a professor at Bishop McDevitt HS. He then served as an Air Force chaplain from 1986 – 1999 in Washington D.C., Korea, and the UK. He established programs to care for deployed spouses during Operation Desert Storm and was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.

The Sisters of St. Joseph Invite You to Celebrate *Laudato Si'* Year



Last May Pope Francis designated the period between May 24, 2020, and May 24, 2021, as *Laudato Si'* Year to commemorate the fifth anniversary of his landmark encyclical on the care

for our common home. To read and reflect on the full encyclical click here: <https://tinyurl.com/vp3aw7a>

May 2: We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. (LS #222)

Reflection:

- Which part of this excerpt most speaks to your heart?
- This week "stop and appreciate the small things" that God places in front of you and in your life.

Theology Trivia

Name the original 12 Apostles.

(Hint: think of the letters in the word Baptism, but substitute a "J" for the "I".)