



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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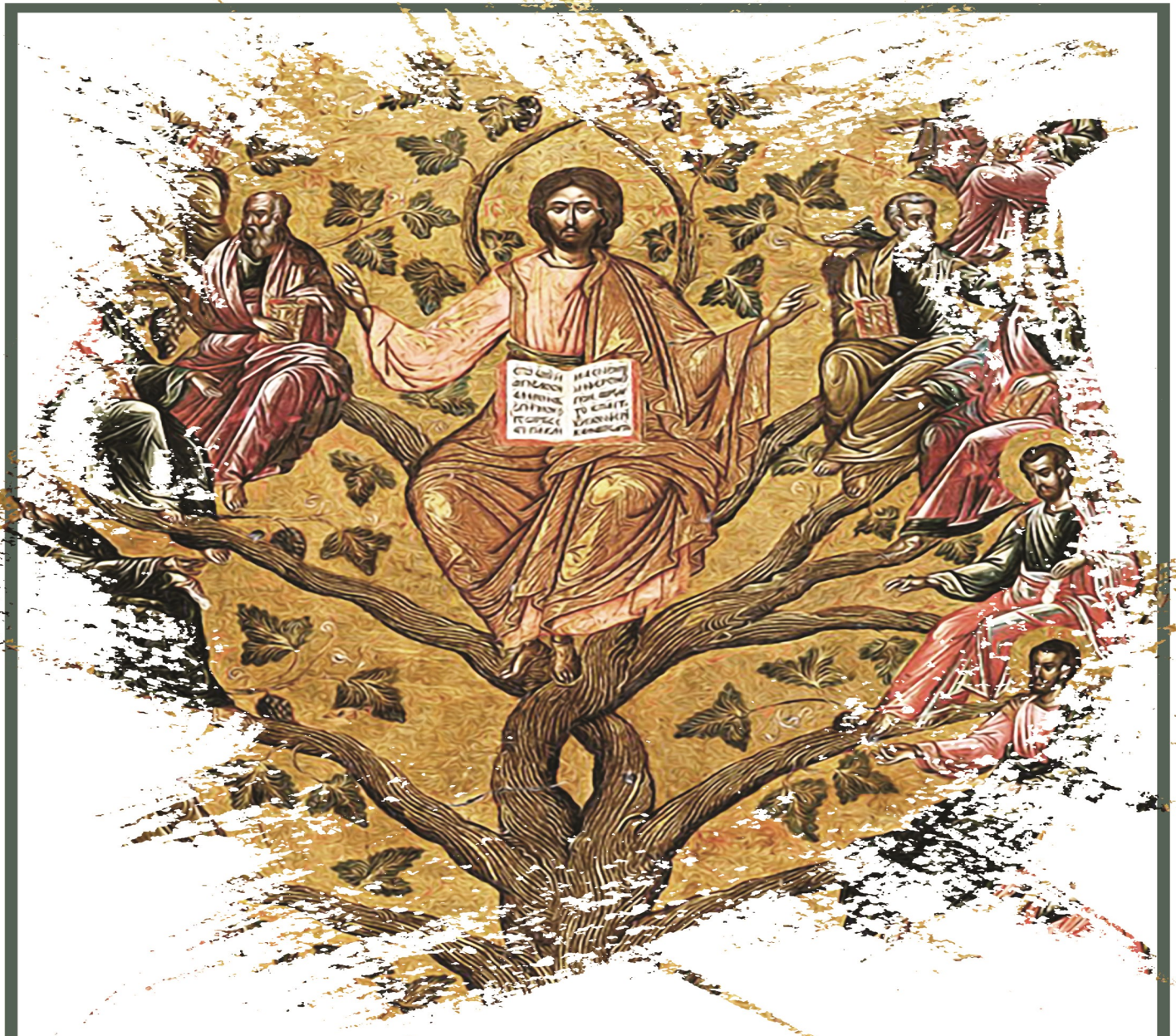
April 28, 2024

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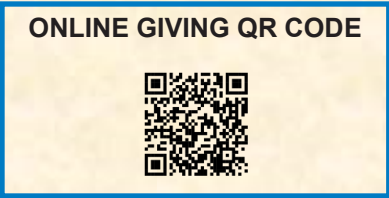
“I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.” —JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



- 04/27/24-Saturday-5th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)**
 1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
 4:00pm Barbara Romasco by Pauline Alexander
- 04/28/24-Sunday-5th Sunday of Easter**
 9:00am For The People
- 04/29/24-Monday-St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
 8:00am Maureen R. Moss by Mom & Dad Marron
- 05/01/24-Wednesday-St. Joseph the Worker**
 8:00am Father Chet by Pat & Family
- 05/03/24-Friday-Saints Philip and James, Apostles**
 8:00am Nick & Margaret Sabella by Son, James & Family
- 05/04/24-Saturday-6th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)**
 1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
 4:00pm Joseph & Anna Flasick by Family
- 05/05/24-Sunday-6th Sunday of Easter**
 9:00am For The People

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF BILL KENNEY BY PAT GEARY



**MASS SCHEDULE
 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT**

**MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 P.M.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
 TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
 THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
 SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.**

**+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++
 April 21, 2024**

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,634.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 7,799.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1074

- PARISH COMING EVENTS:**
- Sunday, April 28**
- ◆ Faith Formation, Intergenerational, K-12, 10:15 a.m.-"Noonish"
- Tuesday, April 30**
- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 1**
- ◆ CD of A Meeting, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

Acts 9:26-31, Psalm: 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

Remain in Me.

Every gardener knows the value and necessity of pruning. The hard work of cutting away what is dead, unwanted, or overgrown is rewarded by lushness of new growth.

The Second Reading makes very concrete how we remain in Jesus: by keeping His commandment of love in deed and truth.

Bearing fruit - and even more fruit - requires pruning. The pruning tool of the Father - vine grower is the Son's Word. Allowing this Word to shape us brings forth a life-giving relationship with Jesus (likened to a branch that remains on a vine) that assures abundant and good fruit. *Five times* we are told to bear fruit, *eight times* we are told to remain in Jesus. How many times, then, must we be shaped by the Word?

READINGS-May 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (1st)
 1 John 4:7-10 (2nd)
 John 15:9-17 (Gospel)
 Sixth Sunday of Easter



CD OF A: Please join us for the May Crowning at our next meeting on May 1st at 6:00 p.m. At the April meeting, Kerry Dettorre was installed as a new member and Mary Ann Brozick was honored as a 60 year member. The May committee is Mary Ann Serwinski, Irene Fatora, Donna Durant, and Rosemary Buchanan.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLET for the Easter season is available at the entrances of the church. We invite each family to take one home.

PARISH IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPE: Starting with the May/June offertory envelope packet that is mailed to you, there will be a new monthly envelope. This envelope will be entitled "Parish Improvements". It will be used to help offset the costs of improvement projects at the parish or repairs that might come up unexpectedly. Some of the projects that are being discussed are the church parking lot, the sidewalks, and the church bells. We are hoping that donations to this envelope will help us save for needed projects and unexpected expenses.

PANCAKES **A PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, May 19th in Marian Hall from 8:00 a.m.– Noon. Early birds welcome. Free will donations will be accepted and will benefit the K of C Community and church service activities. All are welcome!

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OPEN HOUSE

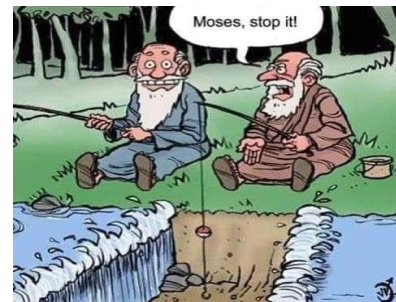
Preschool through 8th Grade

SATURDAY MAY 4 1:00 PM



As we continue to celebrate the risen Lord during this Easter Season, we are called to remember the abundance of His love for us and the blessing we have received. We are also entering the final weeks of Receive and Share, the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. When you make a gift, you are providing the resources needed to keep our parishes vibrant, form future priests, enhance the Diaconate Program, aid Ukrainian refugee relocation efforts and help build Regional Faith Formation to form future disciples of Christ. If you have already made your gift, we thank you for your generosity. If not, please prayerfully consider a gift as we continue to build up His kingdom in our Diocese.

BISHOP KULICK TO CELEBRATE MASS ON THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER: On Wednesday, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at 11:45 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral as part of the dedication of the Diocese of Greensburg to the protection and guardianship of Saint Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese You Tube Channel, Facebook page and on the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Facebook page. In his Pastoral Letter, "Donum Veritatis: The Gift of Truth", Bishop Kulick dedicated the Diocese of Greensburg to the patronage of Saint Joseph for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025, and the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2026. The faithful from around the Diocese are invited to participate in the May 1st Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who made their First Eucharist on Sunday, April 21st: Will Conway, Tenley Gaston, and Vera Smeltzer. May God bless them as they continue their journey of life and faith.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, Latrobe, will hold a craft and vendor show Saturday, May 4th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Food, including haluski, pierogies, hot dogs, hamburgers, and meatball sandwiches, will be available for purchase. Various raffles are planned.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW IN CRABTREE, \$6500 Festival ticket is BACK! If you would like to purchase or sell some tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 724-834-0709. Each ticket is \$10.