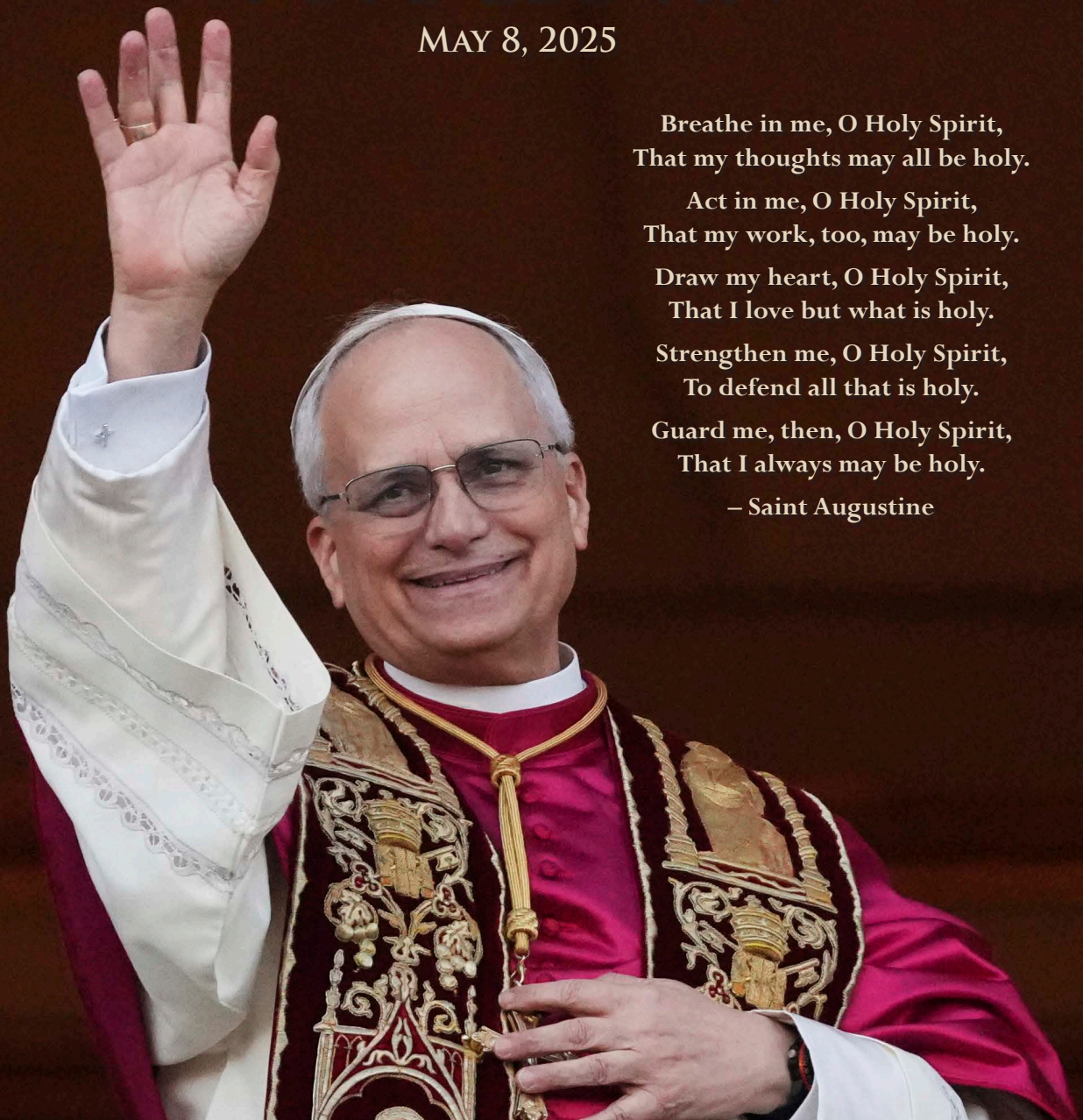


HABEMUS PAPAM POPE LEO XIV

MAY 8, 2025



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

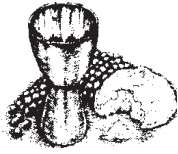
– Saint Augustine

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St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 17 and 18, 2025
17 y 18 de Mayo del 2025



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 19

No Mass

Readings: 285: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 20

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. George and Catherine Morhardt

Readings: 286: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 21

8:15 a.m. Terry, Richard, Denny Capozella

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 287: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 22

8:15 a.m. Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 288: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 23

8:15 a.m. Liz Burnham

Readings: 289: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 24

The Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Conidi Family

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Jim Herzig

11:00 a.m. Katherine Gopp

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 57: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, May 20 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary DeBois

Wednesday, May 21 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, May 22 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, May 23 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

May 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Lyle Tope – 1st Lector

Sue Quillen – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Beth Cecil,
Susan Murphy, Jackie Hostetler, Mary DeBois,
Giovanni Ionno, Jessica DeBois

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Sofia Ionno, Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy

May 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jeannine Kennedy – 1st Lector

Keith Knestaut – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,
Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Jan Michael LaBrake,
Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Marleny Ajanel, Jocelyn Ajanel, Jennifer Ajanel

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector

Greg Williams – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Elco, Cathy Galbraith,
Dan Galbraith, Mark Clemence, Elizabeth Allison,
Marcus Clemence, Beth Ernest

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,
Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Theresa Huinac, Adamari Huinac, Izzy Murphy

Offertory for May 10 and 11, 2025

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,452.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,993.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,140.00
Total	\$ 10,585.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 627.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 60.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 55.00
Other Collections	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph
Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member who is in a hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Spiritual Notes

We sometimes idealize the Early Church as a community without disagreements. But today in Acts, we hear there was dissension concerning the necessity of circumcision as a prerequisite for admittance to the community. Luke tells us that it was no little dissension. In other words, the issue seriously divided the community. So great is their disagreement that they send representatives to Jerusalem to acquire the judgment of the apostolic community. Their decision, communicated by a letter and a delegation, is that circumcision is not necessary for entry into the community. John's vision in Revelation of the heavenly Jerusalem coming down out of heaven is filled with strong imagery. The massive high wall of the city, with twelve gates, represents the strength and glory of God. The number 12 reminds us of the 12 Tribes of Israel as well as the 12 Apostles, both groups foundational of the Church, which sees itself as the new people of Israel. The gates facing the four cardinal directions also provide universal symbolism as they represent all the points of the compass, and thus the whole earth. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the fight of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. The Spirit represents Jesus' abiding presence in the Church. The presence of the Spirit in our lives enables us to keep His commandment of love and to share in the life of the Trinity. Jesus' union with the Father means that He does the will of the Father and shares in His life. By sharing His life with us, He unites us with the Father. His return to the Father is a cause of joy for us because where He goes, we will follow.

For Reflection: Does it disturb me to know that there were disagreements among the members of the Early Church? How does their way of solving their problems help us with divisions in the world today?

Please keep in your prayers Kathy Phillips, age 69, who died on May 1, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Please, also, keep her family in your prayers.

Just a reminder... ALL pamphlets, books, etc., must be approved by Father Jimmy. Please don't leave items in the Vestibule, but rather bring them to the Parish Office.

O.C.I.A. - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

There will be an inquiry session on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Catholic, please plan to attend for this questions and answer session.



"Together in Mission," the theme of the The Appeal, embodies our collective effort to live the Gospel and grow closer to God. Our parish has been asked to raise \$70,467.75. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Every dollar raised after we meet our goal is returned to our parish to be used where it is needed.



Birthright Playpen

Each year, beginning on Mother's Day until Father's Day, St. Joseph Parish conducts our annual playpen collection for Birthright of Tuscarawas County. Items needed are the usual baby items: disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, shampoo, baby wash, crib sheets, sleepers, bibs, etc. You may also make a cash donation. Please put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Birthright."



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 18 and 19, 2025
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer at the Festival, please call the Parish Office.

More information coming soon!

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Festival, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Where you would like to work: _____

Available day and times: _____

Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church (Dover, OH) seeks a Pastoral Minister with experience to serve the needs of a growing Latino population in the parish. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required. Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, flexibility, fluent oral and written bilingual communication, public relations skills, interpret and translate with public officials and other service agencies, advocate for the needs of the Latino families, act as a liaison between church and school families and ability to educate and catechize Latino families. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in the faith. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and Diocesan policies. Send résumé and references to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Church of The Holy Trinity Employment Opportunity

The parish community of Holy Trinity, Zoar, is seeking a bookkeeper, who under the direct supervision of the pastor, will be responsible for performing various duties in the area of bookkeeping, recordkeeping and communications. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills required. Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment. Must meet deadlines, courteous at all times, and flexible to changing needs.

To perform this job successfully, an individual must have knowledge of MS Office and proficiency in Quickbooks. College degree preferred with a degree in a related field or comparable bookkeeping/work experience. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

Send résumé and references to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com or cathy.morris@holyltrinityzoar.net.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for Preschool through Grade-six at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. We are open to all. We are affordable. We invite you to be a Saint! If you would like to discover more about our schools, schedule a visit or for registration information, please call 330-343-9134 or email Jessica DeBois at jdebois@cddeducation.org.

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JUNE 14, 2025
REGISTER NOW

Check-In: 8:00am
Shotgun start: 9:00am
Oak Shadows Golf Club

RSVP by June 1, 2025
to reserve your spot as a
team or sponsor.

To RSVP: Use the Online Form
or contact Nick Angelini at 330-934-9004, nicholas.angelini@gmail.com



The Memorare Moms' Group meets in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter
Jelly/Jam (Plastic Jar)	Rice
Black Beans	Canned Fruit
Pasta Sauce (Plastic Jar)	Pasta

(Please, No Glass)

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. Or you make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

We cannot accept food items that have expired.

St. Joseph Meal

The intention for our community meal is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

May 21, 2025 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

May 28, 2025 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

June 4, 2025 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

June 11, 2025 - Team I (Isabells)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Knights of Columbus Holy Hour Added to Adoration

A Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection has been added to the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Adoration is celebrated on the First Friday of each month. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Members of the Dover Knights of Columbus will lead prayers after which personal reflections will be observed. Holy Hour concludes with the Rosary and a short prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, a priest who founded the K of C in 1822.

The next Holy Hour will be held on June 6th.

Woman's Prayer Group

Would you like to learn more about prayer, why we pray, and how we pray? All women are invited to join us in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be held on May 19th, June 2nd, and July 7th. For more information, please contact Mary Elco or the Parish Office.

L.C.B.A

The May L.C.B.A meeting will take place on May 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be Larry Cihon from the Knights of Columbus. Please plan to attend, and bring a friend!

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"It is the Risen Lord, present among us, who protects and guides the Church, and continues to fill her with hope through the love 'poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us' (Rom 5:5). It is up to us to be docile listeners to his voice and faithful ministers of his plan of salvation, mindful that God loves to communicate himself, not in the roar of thunder and earthquakes, but in the 'whisper of a gentle breeze' (1 Kings 19:12) or, as some translate it, in a 'sound of sheer silence.'"

+POPE LEO XIV, MAY 10, 2025

Monday, May 19 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26 Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Meditation: God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

Prayer: May your right hand, O Lord, we pray, encompass your family with perpetual help, so that, defended from all wickedness by the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says "the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love."

Tuesday, May 20 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter **Optional Memorial: Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

Meditation: Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

Prayer: O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises which we have learned from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Bernadine of Siena: O God, who gave the Priest Saint Bernardine of Siena a great love for the holy Name of Jesus, grant through his merits and prayers, that we may ever be set aflame with the spirit of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

About Saint Bernardine of Siena: Saint Bernardine would hold up for veneration the monogram of Christ's Name — the letters "IHS" — surrounded by rays. This ancient monogram is a Latin form of the Greek monograms for *Iesous Christos*, "IH XP" and "IC XC." It became even more popular after Saint Bernardine persuaded a playing card maker in Bologna whose business had been ruined because of the saint's preaching against gambling — to make holy cards depicting it instead of making his usual fare.

The Holy Name of Jesus: January is traditionally the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and Jan. 3 has been restored by Pope Saint John Paul II as the feast of the Holy Name. This feast, still celebrated by the Franciscan order on Jan. 14, commemorates the circumcision of Christ, where he received the name Jesus, in Aramaic Yeshua, that was given by the angel Gabriel from God (Lk 1:31). It means the one who saves. When a Jewish child was circumcised, he was accepted as a son of Abraham and a full member of his family. The Christian practice of infant baptism was adapted from this Hebrew ritual.

We honor the Holy Name because of the command of Christ: that we should pray in His name. "Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me" (Jn 17:11-12). As St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth (Phil 2:10). By means of this devotion, we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name. Honor to the Holy Name is the reason that devout Catholics bow their heads at the sound of Jesus both inside and outside the liturgy.



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One Catholic Web site, beautifully describing the Holy Name, observes that "As the name of each individual person embraces the totality of the person, the most Holy Name of Jesus also embraces the totality of the divinity. When we think of a person, we remember the name, and we visualize their image. Equally, when we think of Jesus, we remember His name and we visualize the image of God in Jesus. 'For in Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwelled bodily' (Col 1:19, 2:9)."

Wednesday, May 21 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Optional Memorial: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr, & Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8 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. 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."

Meditation: People often wonder why Jesus speaks of himself as the "true vine?" The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "yielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Prayer: O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saint Christopher Magallanes & Companions: Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom, grant us, through their intercession, that, persevering in confession of the true faith, we may always hold fast to the commandments of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

Thursday, May 22 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Optional Memorial: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Meditation: Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never outgive God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

Prayer: O God, by whose grace, though sinners, we are made just and, though pitiable, made blessed, stand, we pray, by your works, stand by your gifts, that those justified by faith may not lack the courage of perseverance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Rita: Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the wisdom and strength of the Cross, with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita, so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ, we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Friday, May 23 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 15:12-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Meditation: Jesus defines friendship, the mutual bond of trust and affection between two or more people, as the willingness to give totally of oneself even to the point of dying for one's friends. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. He loved us so much, some might even mistakenly say too much, by giving us the best of all gifts, the offering of his beloved Son who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God gave up his Son so that we might become his sons and daughters, his adopted children (Romans 8:14-17).

Prayer: Grant us, Lord, we pray, that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries, what we celebrate in joy may protect and save us with perpetual power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus called his disciples his "friends." Jesus not only showed his disciples that he cared for them. He enjoyed their company. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them – even his most intimate thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus is to know God and to understand the love and friendship God offers each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the "friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8). God speaks with Moses "as a man speaks with his friend" (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his "friends" rather than his servants. Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Friendship is based on love, and love must be reciprocal. Do you love Christ as much as he loves you? If not, why not?

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Tuscarawas County Catholic Seniors (+55)

The Tuscarawas County Catholic Seniors from the parishes of Holy Trinity, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph are invited to the May 28th luncheon at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The speaker will be Michelle Tope from Birthright. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Menu will include meatloaf, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, vegetable and dessert. The price is \$15.00. You do not need to be a member to attend your first meeting. Call to make a reservation by May 26th with Linda Rupe at 330-343-4934. Bingo will follow the meeting for anyone wishing to play

Dress-a-Child 2025

As one school year ends, the Dress-a-Child program looks forward to the new 2025-2026 school year. Each new school year presents new opportunities and challenges for each student, no matter the grad level. Giving our students who attend school in Tuscarawas County a fresh new set of clothes to begin the year is a wonderful blessing. We raise our money in Tuscarawas County, serve the children who attend school here and do our shopping here. Last year, we were able to give 980 children each \$85.00-worth of new clothing.

This year, in-person interviews will be held in July to make certain that we are serving those whose families meet the Federal Poverty Guideline. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the names below. Financial donations can be mailed to either of them. Please make checks payable to Dress-a-Child. You may also make a donation through the church by dropping it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Dress-a-Child or at the Parish Office. Donations must be made no later than July 20th. Contact Mary Kay Reed, 2406 St. Route 39 N.W., Dover, Ohio 44622 or Beth Rafter, 4447 Swonger Road, Dover, Ohio 44622.



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Other Information To Note:



Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:

Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Low-gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: The Bulletin Deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

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St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

May 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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Sexto Domingo de Pascua
18 de Mayo del 2025



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	25 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	1 de Junio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	8 de Junio	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.



Horario de los Coros

Mayo 25	Seguidores de Cristo
Junio 1	Mensajeros de Cristo
Junio 8	El Buen Pastor
Junio 15	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Oportunidad de Empleo

La comunidad católica de la Iglesia de San José (Dover, Ohio) está en busca de un ministro pastoral con experiencia para atender las necesidades de la población latina que está creciendo en la parroquia. Se requiere un excelente conocimiento práctico del culto católico. Los requisitos para el puesto incluyen: flexibilidad, comunicación oral y escrita bilingüe, habilidades de relaciones públicas, interpretación y traducción con oficiales públicos y otras agencias de servicios, defensor de las necesidades de las familias latinas, colaborar entre la iglesia y las familias de la escuela, y capacidad para educar y catequizar a las familias latinas.

El candidato debe ser católico practicante y mostrar una actitud y un comportamiento que fomenten el aprendizaje y el desarrollo permanentes en la fe. Los candidatos deben someterse a una verificación de antecedentes estándar. El salario y los beneficios se ajustan a la experiencia y a las políticas diocesanas. Envíe su resumen de trabajo y referencias al Padre Jimmy Hatfield, a la atención de la Iglesia de San José, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 o envíe un correo electrónico a stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Notas Espirituales

A veces idealizamos la iglesia primitiva como desacuerdo de la comunidad. Pero hoy en Hechos, escuchamos que había desacuerdos sobre la necesidad de la circuncisión como un requisito previo para ser admitido a la comunidad. Lucas nos dice que no existió desacuerdo es decir, los antepasados seriamente dividieron la comunidad. Tan grande es su desacuerdo que enviaron representantes a Jerusalén para adquirir el juicio de la comunidad apostólica. Sus decisiones, comunicadas por una carta y una delegación, es que la circuncisión no es necesaria para entrar en la comunidad. La visión de Juan en el Apocalipsis la Jerusalén celestial, que bajaba del cielo se lleno de imágenes fuertes. El alto muro masivo de la ciudad, con doce puertas, representa la fuerza y la gloria de Dios. El número 12 nos recuerda una de las 12 tribus de Israel, así como los 12 apóstoles, los dos grupos fundamentales de la iglesia, que ven a sí mismo como al nuevo pueblo de Israel. Las puertas están frente a los cuatro puntos cardinales que también proporcionan símbolo universal, ya que representan todos los puntos de la brújula, y por lo tanto toda la tierra. En el evangelio de hoy Jesús promete la lucha del Espíritu Santo, el Consolador. El Espíritu representa la presencia constante de Jesús en la iglesia. La presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas nos permite mantener sus mandamientos de amor y de compartir en la vida de la Trinidad. La unión de Jesús con el Padre quiere decir que hace la voluntad del Padre y acciones de su vida. Al compartir su vida con nosotros, nos une con el Padre. Su regreso al Padre, es un motivo de alegría para nosotros, porque a donde el va, vamos a seguirlo.

Para reflexionar: ¿Me molesta saber que hubo desacuerdos entre los miembros de la iglesia primitiva? ¿Cómo funciona su manera de resolver sus problemas nos ayudan con las divisiones en el mundo de hoy? En la iglesia? Puedo sentir la presencia de las promesas del Espíritu en mi vida?

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Mayo 2025

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