

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Michael says.....

We have just started the month of May, a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May starts, however, with the **feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st.**



From FranciscanMedia.org:

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, **Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Joseph the Worker in 1955.** This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God

By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. **Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.**



Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and

healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

May God bless you for your goodness to His Church for the week of April 26, 2026

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$7032
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$179
SVdP	\$200
Improvement Fund	\$6015
Loose	\$297
(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$1,693.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$74.00
SVdP	\$140.
Improvement Fund	\$35.00
Loose	\$145.00



THIS SUNDAY at the 11:00am MASS

Please keep for all our First Communicants and their families in your prayers.

This is a very important time in their lives when they first partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and He becomes an intimate part of their being.

It is special occasions like this that remind all of us of how important our Lord in the Eucharist is to us.

Kaylee Casto, Thomas Collins, Felicity Dylewski, Parker Davidson, Elianna Emmerling, Mitch Hawrot, Ezra Leasure, Logan Jones, Liam Marrow, Luca McGinnis, Sophia McGinnis, Lilly Moran, Anna Palladino, Nico Paris, Maylynn Petrella, Gemma Pie, Audrey Taylior, Oscar Velez, Rosemarie Velez, Colton Wentz & Kendall Wentz.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	May 2	Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:30pm	(BLS)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
Sun	May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00am	(BLS)	Ed & Rose Karabaic (Carol & David Vitlip)
9:30am	(OLL)	Albert & Susan Lugano (Stephen & Elaine Lamatrice)
11:00am	(BLS)	Lynne Ros (Elane Renzelli)
Mon.	May 4	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Cynthia Rose Phillipson (Family)
Tues.	May 5	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Geno & Elizabeth Morelli {Wed. Anniv.} (Family)
Wed.	May 6	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Raymond & Dolores Lapinski (Pietrzak family)
5:30pm	(BLS)	ADORATION & ROSARY
Thurs	May 7	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Joseph “Slugs” Smarrella (Michele Fabro)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Dave Gossett (Robert Hiltner)
Fri.	May 8	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Barb Gegick (Sandy & Vince Talarico)
Sat.	May 9	Easter Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Anna Almont (Hilda DeStefanis & Family)
Sat.	May 9	Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:30pm	(BLS)	Elizabeth Morelli (Family)
Sun.	May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00am	(BLS)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
9:30am	(OLL)	Michael Allietta (Tammy, Shawna & Christopher)
11:00am	(BLS)	Joanna Controguerra (daughter, Rita)



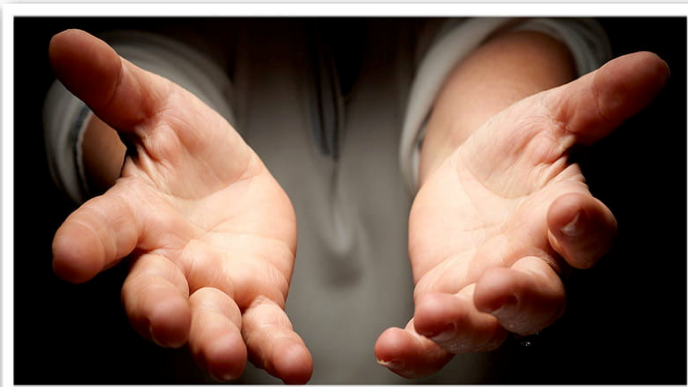
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Is Someone “Lost”?

This journey of faith is not always easy. **Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God** and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let the joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, **we must never lose hope.** Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. **What will it take to bring someone to Christ?** It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. **Place them back in God's hands and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.**

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Remember in your prayers the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Leo

MAY

(THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD)

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

May 9th & May 10th	
Saturday 5/9	4:30pm
Lector:	Lou DiGregory
EMOCH:	Ben Osso
Altar servers Aidan Marrow & Christian Mitchell	
Sunday 5/10	8:00am
Lector:	Ben Erste
EMOHC:	Patty Doyle
Altar servers: Felix Velez	
(OLL)	9:30am
Lector:	Luci Leonard
Altar servers: (Volunteer)	
	11:00am
Lector:	Rob Zaleski
EMOHC:	Jodi Taylor
Altar servers: Hollis Chaney, Isayah Banga & Zaleskis	
If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.	

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS



HOSPITAL: as of Thursday, April 30th:
 Trinity Med. Ctr: **Delores Tiberio**
 & **Margaret Sizemore**

OLL CWC: We will have our Annual Cook-out and Auction on **Tuesday, May 19th**, beginning at **6:00pm**. A signup sheet is posted in the back of church.

The winner of the 50?50 raffle for the month of April was Kathy Frey. Congratulations!!

We now have **Online Giving** available for our parishes. **Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website (wintersvilleparishes.org) and go to "Giving."**

Blessed Sacrament: **Our Lady of Lourdes**



TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISHES DIRECTORY:
 All you need to do is send your email address to Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com with your family name, then download the Instant Church Directory app and edit your info. **FYI:** this does not

register you as a parishioner! Please contact the parish office to register!

Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus
HOLY HOUR

Prepare your family for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart in June 2026 and pray for our country by honoring the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus at a **Holy Hour at the Novitiate Chapel of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus at 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio on May 12th from 7:00-8:00 pm**. Help the sisters enthrone the Sacred Heart and to spread the Good News of God's love by placing a beautiful yard signs for \$6 and bumper stickers on your car for \$2. You can pick them up at 700 Lovers Lane. *Please help us share the good news of the reign of Jesus' Heart!*

MEMORIAL MASS

You are cordially invited to participate in a Memorial Mass for children who died before birth – whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy. (No distinction will be made as to how or when the child died).

Friday, May 8th
7:00 pm

Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church
200 Preston Avenue in Weirton, WV

So that we may best honor your child,
Please RSVP at 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688
 All family members and friends are welcome.

The first Thursday of May is the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.** This is a great reminder to pray for our nation, our leaders, our media, and each other!

