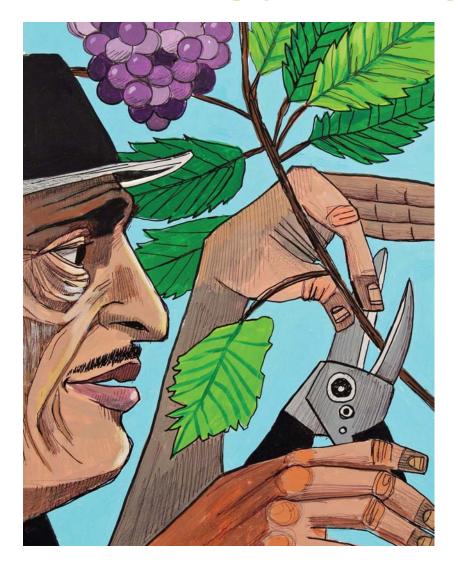
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Careful Pruning

Gracious God,
as the Vine Grower,
you have removed
the places where I have withered.
But where I have born fruit,
where I have grown in joy,
love, patience, kindness,
gentleness, and peace,
you have helped me grow,
so that I may continue
to bear more fruit.
The fruit I have born comes from my
remaining in Christ and in his Word.
May I continue to remain in Christ and
bring you to the world.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirt, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, May 3, 2015 Remaining in Christ

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

In the First Reading, we see how meeting Christ can change a person's life. Saul had been so involved in the persecution of Christians that the disciples were "afraid of him." But upon meeting Christ along the road, he turned his life over to God, and "spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord." We have met Christ in the word, sacrament, and encounters through the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are called to ask ourselves if we have let these meetings affect us in a way that others would notice. Are you open to the presence of the Lord changing you?

In the Second Reading from the First Letter of John, we read a simplified version of the Commandments. We are to believe in the name of Christ and love one another as he commanded. Through abiding in these commandments, we remain in Christ.

But what does it mean to abide in Christ? What happens to those who remain in him? In today's reading from John's account of the Gospel, Christ explains that those who remain in him bear fruit. We can think of that fruit as the good relationships in our lives, the positive influences that we have had on others, and the ways in which we have helped build community. How do you ensure that you remain in Christ and will bear good fruit?

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Monday– Wednesday 8:30 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Pre school	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Kindergarten	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
First Grade	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Grades 2 & 3	Sunday	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Grades 4 & 5	Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Children are to attend the 10:00 am Mass and take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Monday –6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Formal High School Classes will take place September-December at varied times. Special Sessions take place throughout the year check the weekly schedule for times.

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RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* teaches the history, traditions and Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Catholics or Catholic Adults seeking information about full initiation into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, should contact Fr. Tomasz at the Parish Office (508-234-5656) or Ed or Pauline Rutana at 508-234-7089.

Music Ministry

Cantor Rehearsal: First and Third Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsals: Second & Fourth Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM

Shamrocks: Students age 6-12 Watch Bulletin for rehearsal times and events.

New Members are Always Welcome in any Music Ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a parishioner of St. Patrick's, you can request a Prayer Shawl for someone whom you feel needs comfort by calling or e-mailing Lucille at 508.234.2255 or blharper@verizon.net or call Shelly or Jackie at the rectory at 508.234.5656

SPiN--St. Patrick's in Action—Contact Shelly

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Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the lector and sit near the gifts.



The Mass book is open for the months of April-June. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

Saturday May 2	4:30 PM	† Dolores Broderick	The Skerry Family	
Sunday May 3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Michael Feen † Stan Vassar † For our First Eucharist Class	By his Family By his Niece Pat	13th Anniversary
Monday May 4	8:30 AM	†		
Tuesday May 5	8:30 AM	† Warren Davis	By Monica & Michael	
Wednesday May 6	8:30 AM			
Thursday May 7	No Mass			
Friday May 8	No Mass			
Saturday May 9	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	For Our First Eucharist Class † Mary Beaulieu	By her Daughters	
Sunday May 10	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Dolores Broderick † Dorothy Forgit †	By Friends at St. Patrick By her Children & Grandchildren	





Second Collection Schedule

May 14—Ascension Thursday
May 17—Utilities
John 21 Community Breakfast (May)

Sunday May 3	First Eucharist	11:30 AM	Church
Monday May 4			
Tuesday May 5	First Eucharist Rehearsal for 5/9 Cantor Rehearsal	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Center Chapel
Wednesday May 6	Prayer Group/Bible Study	7:00 PM	Chapel
Thursday May 7			
Friday May 8			
Saturday May 9	John 21 Community Breakfast First Eucharist	8:00-10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Center Church
Sunday May 10	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY		



The Young Neighbors In Action 2014 and Anne Haas will be collecting bottles and cans to help defray the cost of the service trip to Chicago, Ill. this summer. Please drop off your clean cans and bottles in the Parish Center. If you would like to have someone pick them up at your home, please call Anne Haas at 508-234-9163.

Thank you for supporting our Young Neighbors In Action Ministry.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends.

This weekend's Gospel reading from John speaks of Jesus' relationship to

us using a metaphor of vine and branches. The relationship of the vine and the branch is that of connectedness, life, need for one another, and of bearing fruit. There is dynamism, energy, and growth that we find in this image.

It is also a beautiful image for our community. It challenges us to be rooted closely in Christ no matter what we do and as a matter of fact in everything that we do. To be rooted in the person of Christ means, especially in the Gospel of John, to be rooted (abide, John's favorite word) in the word of God. What is that word?

It is the word, the Gospel of love, compassion, inclusion, peace, life, and truth. All these words are beautiful but challenging, necessary and always lacking in our lives, because all of us, even the best of us, still have to grow each day.

What does it mean for me to abide in love, compassion, and peace and so on? I once heard that first you have to fall in love with the idea of love, compassion and peace. I guess I mentioned it a couple of weeks in a homily. When you are in love with something, it makes it much easier. There is freedom and no coercion. It does not mean it is easy but it is easier.

This weekend and next, we are celebrating First Communion. First Communion, and in fact, even the one thousandth communion, is not simply about eating, though it is. It is first and foremost about becoming what we eat: Christ, or more precisely the body of Christ that is united to Jesus himself and to one another building up a community where love, compassion, inclusion, truth is taught, encouraged and life changing.

I wish to congratulate our young Disciples of Christ as they receive their First Communion and please, remember them in your prayers. May they stay connected to the word, the true vine through our support and encouragement.

Blessed Week,

Fr. Tomasz



Please don't forget to register on-line for fall Religious Education Classes.

Congratulations to the following students that received their Confirmation at St. Gabriel's in Upton on April 16, 2015.

Victoria Afonso, Ryan Byrne, Nicole Cella, Emily Chickinski, Alison Cundiff, Matthew Deluca, Bianca DiVitto, Tabitha Fields, Madeline Green, Katherine Guerin, Annemarie Haas, Jocelyn Kenyon, Maura Kulesza, Abigail Labrie, Marc LeBlanc, Nathan Lyons, Jake MacNeil, Natalie Massey, Mary McLaughlin, Zachary Merian, Erik Mockus, Brendan Morganelli, Charlotte Murphy, Jameson Murray, Jake Murray, Katherine Puda, Elizabeth Quercio, Annakiya Reer, Ilona Regan, Nolan Reilly, Jacob Schofield, Russell Schott, Ashley Senosk, Emily Shorey, Rachel Spratt, Jack Tivnan, Mackenzie Tougas, David Vario and Robert West.

SPiN Action for May

Please consider joining us on May 17 for SPiN Action. We will be going to all our usual sites (St. Camillus, Whitinsville Retirement Society,

Beaumont, Whitney Place, Alternatives, and Rockdale Housing) as well as Catholic Charities. As you can see we have many people depending on us to bring the light of Christ to them. Please feel free to call Shelly at 508-234-5656 or sign up on line if you would be interested in helping in any way. Thank You



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The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a "BABY SHOWER" on the weekend of May 9 (Mother's Day weekend). Donations to help the

mothers and their babies at Problem Pregnancy in Worcester will be collected in port a-cribs set up in the church. A flier will be provided in the bulletin the weekend of May 2 with a list of items that are needed. Please consider helping the Knights in this worthy cause.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 JOHN 3:18) Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day

in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal. "Charity St. Patrick's has pledged or raised \$15,180.00 towards our goal of

\$42,000.00 which is the same goal we met last year. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the bulletin racks, drop a check in the basket or visit www.partners-charity.net.

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This Week At Home

Monday, May 4: Growing in Love through the Spirit

In the Last Supper discourse, Jesus speaks of his love for his disciples and the love of his heavenly Father. He promises the disciples consolation through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in love and knowledge of God, and opens our ears to hear and understand the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is the active transforming agent at work in the Church and in the world. Are we listening attentively to God's Word and the voice of the Spirit? Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5: The Gift of Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." As we see in today's Gospel, the parting gift of Jesus to his disciples is peace. It is not a peace that we can find in the world; it is a peace that conquers all fears and anxieties. All we need to do is turn ourselves over to God to partake of this peace. When have you felt God's peace? In what ways are you living in the peace of Christ and how do you share that peace with others? Today's Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145; John 14:27-31

Wednesday, May 6: A Choice to be Faithful

Notice in today's Gospel that Jesus says, "Abide in me as abide in you." There is no question but that Jesus will remain in us; the only question is whether we will decide to remain within Jesus. It is always our choice. God is faithful to us. Our love needs to be just as constant. Only through such love will we bring forth good fruit. How do you nurture the Word of God within you? Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122; John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7: Your Joy May Be Complete

It is interesting to read Jesus' reason for why the disciples should keep the two great commandments to love God, and to love one another: "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." Jesus wants all good things for the disciples, and so he explains that they only need to follow those commandments. Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96; John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8: Loving As God Loves

"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." The command in today's Gospel is not simple. We are to love each other with the love of the Christ who laid down his life for us. We are called to be the Presence of God in the world. That means loving as God does, not as we see our fellow human beings model love. How does God's love differ from that which humankind usually shows? How challenging is today's Gospel for you? Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57; John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9: Privilege and Responsibility

In today's Gospel, we see the difference knowledge of God makes. Jesus tells his disciples that those who will persecute them will do so because "they do not know him who sent me." As Christians, we are privileged that Christ has welcomed us and allowed us to know God. But with that privilege comes responsibility. We need to keep the commandments and spread the Word, allowing others to know Christ. Do you find it hard to keep God's laws when the world is beckoning with its set of rules? Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100; John 15:18-21



Our Lady of the Valley Golf Tournament

The Our Lady of the Valley Regional School is having its 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Blissful Meadows in Uxbridge on **Friday, May 29th**. We are looking golfers, sponsors and donations for one of the largest fundraisers for the OLV Parents' Guild!

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