



May 4 • 6pm • Rc •

† Bob Lochran r/o Jack/Linda Lignelli

May 5 • 9am • Rc •

† Michael Murphy r/o Donna Cias

May 7 • 6pm • Rc • † Edward Lustick r/o Lisa/Bob Quinn

May 8 • 9am • Rc • † Sally Puzio r/o Bernie & Jane

6th Sunday of Easter • May 9/10 [Mother's Day]

4pm • J Mother's

5:45pm • M Day

8:15am • J Intentions

10am • M [for All Enrolled, Living & Deceased]



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Easter total: 3544; S: 1116; Campaign: 280; Mother's Day: 428 • **J:** Easter total: 3435; Campaign: 380; Mother's Day: 435; S: 1329 •

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$45 • J: \$30 •
Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

• Next Week: Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!

Pray for: •Bea Gius •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •John Washko •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jennifer Gilliam •Margaret Burns •Grace Snover •Loretta Zienkiewicz •Betty Lou Torpey •Vickie Hartz •John Tait •Bill Rydzy •Ann Lewis •Bob Fellin

❖ **BirthDay Blessings:** Kathy Lorah, Tom Irwin, Aaron Piaskowski: 5/5; Cecilia Funanage: 5/8; Chris Shenyo, Megan Messina, Joanne Zogby: 5/9.

❖ **Anniv. Blessings:** John/Dolly Zakavage: 58 yrs!

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** April winner: Roseann

Evangelista: \$79. Congrats! May tickets now available!

❖ **Flowers** for Mother's Day: to sponsor arrangements, contact us: \$100 main altar; \$35-50 side altars.

❖ **A Parishioner is....** One who is registered, participates regularly in the liturgical life of the parish (e.g. Sunday Mass), demonstrates support by the gift of Time, Talent & Treasure! Join us!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks for Easter Blessings!

❖ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues!**

❖ **Visit us on the web:** stmarystjoseph.net

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet Sun. 5/17 after 10am Mass @ Parish Office.

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

Reflection: 5th Sunday of Easter: An appealing landscape doesn't happen naturally. Truly nature has its own spectacular way of showing God's glory. As stewards of creation, we can take great pride in the beauty of cutting, trimming, pruning. Jesus, in the Gospel, speaks of the Father's pruning of us who are attached to the vine that is Jesus.

There's pain involved in that process, but in the end, the pruning can produce great fruit! Just as God "pruned" Jesus and the great good that came from Calvary in the new life of the Resurrection, so too is that same opportunity accorded us who are willing to "remain in Jesus."

Considering our brothers and sisters the world over who are persecuted for their faith (as close as Canada, see the related article), might we consider the gift of faith and the freedom that is accorded us in what is to be a "beacon of freedom" in the world.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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Mom was to come Monday, but she is too well & could not stay at Seton Manor. The 'option' to stay for weekend would cost \$300 a day just for the bed. Sadly, institutions bearing the name Catholic are under the same regulations & strains as others. So, she's home & will be joining me on weekends.



❖ **Block Party @ M:** We ask donations of brand named soda (diet, too), water, and ketchup & we seek sponsors for our **basket raffle!**

❖ **Choir Practice @ M:** Continues in this Easter Season! There are some great voices out there, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God!

❖ **ASCENSION THURSDAY** is May 14.

Mass is offered: Thurs @ J @ 5:30pm &
at @ M @ 6:45pm.

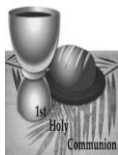
❖ **Pentecost:** Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit from Ascension Thursday 'til the Feast: **Sun, May 24th!** Mark your calendar: **Wear Red** to Mass that weekend. (It is also Memorial Day Weekend!)

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get well, Anniversary, etc are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in an envelope marked: Cards.

❖ **Parish Cemeteries:** Your care for your loved ones grave is inspiring! Please, as we move into a new season, remove Christmas décor, otherwise, they'll be disposed of as we prepare for Memorial Day.

❖ **May: BVM Candles:** offered at the altar of our Lady: they are \$7 @. Light your candle, use the envelopes at the altar, return or place it in Sunday Stewardship. They're available through the month.

❖ **Adult Ed:** We're reviewing a series entitled: "Symbolon" We're reviewing the dvd's & material: to learn about, strengthen our faith! We'll offer the series over the next few months, mostly on Mon evening. Our next gathering is THIS Mon, May 4. This week our topic is the Bible. We had a packed house last week, join us to learn about your faith. Our sessions run about 90 min's.



First Communion Candidates:

☺ **Liam Messina** ☺ **Giavana Halford**

Prayer partners, pray now! Thank you! This Sun: May 3rd @ 10am: Giavana & Liam

receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time!
We announce the 1st communion of **Jennifer Gilliam** on Sat., May 30th @ 5:45pm.

❖ **Memorial Day Flower Boxes:** we're taking orders for the grave boxes: \$14 each. Place your order in Sunday Stewardship (pre-pay) or our order form. Deadline: May 11th. We'll have them Sat., May 23rd for placement on graves.

❖ **Ministry:** New Schedules are out. It's time for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors & Servers. Please, remember, that when you minister, appropriate dress is required! No jeans, tank tops, flip flops, buzzing or flashing wearables.

This is Holy Mass worshipping our Lord & God, honor Him by appropriate attire!

Come to every Mass dressed appropriately. That way, we'll always be ready to minister if called upon. Living in a more "relaxed" culture, we are counter-cultural. We form the culture, it doesn't form us!

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** seeks: canola oil, napkins, paper towels, soda, bottled water: drop them off at the garage, please! Grand Raffle: We're ready to place the order for the tickets: we're well within reach of our goal of 51 gifts, have you indicated yours? Let us know! Place your form in Stewardship. We're looking for gifts of a \$25 minimum value for our \$10 ticket.

❖ **SCRIP:** After these are sold, we'll be taking only orders: We've **\$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Weis, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Wendy's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$10 Taco Bell, \$25 Walmart** on hand. Contact the office, we'll arrange to get them to you after Mass. We've tried to raise funds, with little success. When the day comes, can't help but wonder if some of the "loudest gongs" then will be the ones sitting on their "hands" now.

❖ **A Cardinal Reflects: The Myth and Reality that I'll Die in My Bed.** Cardinal Francis George, of Chicago, was buried this past week. He was a man of the Church, a leader who embraced life & death (dying of cancer) as a great witness. Words that he spoke years ago have been written at his passing. Part of the article is included here for our consideration:

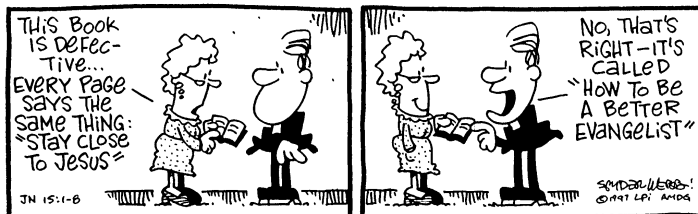
Cardinal George confirm that he said it, and *also* adds that the quote has most frequently been used without his important follow-up sentence.

Here's the salient section from the Cardinal's column. "Speaking a few years ago to a group of priests, entirely outside of the current political debate, I was trying to express in overly dramatic fashion what the complete secularization of our society could bring," writes the Cardinal. "I was responding to a question and I never wrote down what I said, but the words were captured on somebody's smart phone and have now gone viral on Wikipedia and elsewhere in the electronic communications world. I am (correctly) quoted as saying that I expected to die in bed, my successor will die in prison and his successor will die a martyr in the public square.

What is omitted from the reports is a final phrase I added about the bishop who follows a possibly martyred bishop: 'His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the church has done so often in human history.' What I said is not 'prophetic' but a way to force people to think outside of the usual categories that limit and sometimes poison both private and public discourse." [tbcont'd]
www.ncregister.com/blog/tim-drake/the-myth-and-the-reality-of-ill-die-in-my-bed

❖ **Orange Ribbons:** To support those persecuted for their faith are available after Mass. Thanks to donors!

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ☞ **Healing Mass:** Mon. 5/11: 6:30pm, St. Ambrose, 201 Randel St., Sch Haven. Bishop Barres, Celebrant; Msgr. Scheaffer, homilist. For any who have experienced trauma. Holy Hour & Confession to follow, concludes: 8:30pm. ☞ **Ice Cream Social:** St. Paul's UCC: 5/17, 5-7pm. ☞ **A.D.:** The Bible Continues: Sun @ 9pm: NBC: 12 weeks. ☞ **Baby Bottles for Life:** fill with your loose change through this month. It supports the opening of the pro-life pregnancy center in Hazleton.