

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Jesus told his disciples, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." Therefore, we have the boldness to ask God to hear our prayers and respond to our needs.

- ☺ For Pope Francis, Bishop Callahan, Father Jerzy and Fr. Todd, may they be wise and caring shepherds of the Church, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For the sick, the lonely, and those who are persecuted, that they may receive healing and comfort, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For people everywhere who suffer from violence or injustice, for peace and love among nations, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For parents and teachers who taught us to know Jesus, may they grow in God's love, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For those who received the sacraments of initiation at Easter, that through Eucharist, they will be strengthened to serve as followers of Christ, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For those who have died, especially Ed Flatoff, John Schulfer and Alice Parish, may they be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ That God hears the intentions of our baskets, Lucille Poeschel, Correne Gaboda, Dominik & Alice Stroik and the needs of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Presider: God of all, you care for us and tend to us and prune us so that we may bear fruit. Hear our prayers we offer to you today and grant them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28-29, 2018



Mass Intentions:

†Lucille Poeschel

†Correne Gaboda

†Dominik & Alice Stroik

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you are the source of life for all who put their trust in you:

Lord have mercy.

...Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Father's eternal gift of love:

Christ have mercy.

...Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you died and rose from the dead to bring life to your people:

Lord have mercy.

...Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

4:00 p.m.:	#63, Gather – Psalm 150 Praise God in His Holy Dwelling
10:30 a.m.:	This is the Day

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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 every one 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.