

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Church
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May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM • TUESDAY - 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY - 8:30 AM • FRIDAY - 8:30 AM

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, David Langguth
 Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - James Krug, Camille Krug
 Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Patrick Schurr, Jim Campbell
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Camille Krug, Barbara Bundy

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Emily Miller
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Colin Schurr, Chloe Truscello
 Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Bob Olson, Lexie Tatar
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Susanna Tomlinson
 Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer, Betsy Lloyd, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Jane Strasser, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, Walter Bloom, Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden
 Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - NOT FILLED, Jane Becker, John Becker, NOT FILLED
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED, Carolyn English, Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan
 Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Marge Rudolph, NOT FILLED
 Sat. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

A Few Words from the Pastor:

DE COLORES – For the past two weekends some of our parishioners participated in a Cursillo, a retreat which is designed to help Catholics deepen their relationship to Christ. These weekends, one for women and one for men, were held at Mt. St. Anne in Ebensburg. Our parish has a long history of nurturing Cursillistas, in a program that has been active in our diocese for over 40 years! Watch the bulletin for information regarding the upcoming retreats in the autumn.

RCIA: A NEW NAME, A RENEWED SPIRIT - For many years, RCIA has indicated the “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.” It has become apparent, however, that this process of becoming a Roman Catholic is much more than a “Rite.” It is a process of preparation for entrance into the church which entails prayer, study, and the companionship of committed Catholics. The American Bishops have encouraged us to now speak of it as the OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The traditional categorization of those petitioning for full acceptance into the Church has also been changed. The new revision includes: catechumens (who are unbaptized adults); baptized non-Catholic Christians, and adult baptized Catholics in need of Confirmation. With Covid behind us, it is most appropriate that we renew our commitment to our outreach to those wishing to learn more about the Faith, and who may seek full initiation into the Church. We are most grateful to Mark Krepich, who for several years has directed this ministry. We are now seeking additional team members who can share in this work of evangelization. This ministry is fundamentally one of accompaniment: Catholics willing to accompany those desiring to be Catholic. Please consider this invitation to share your faith with others. You may contact Mark (mark.krepich@gmail.com) or Msgr. Becker with your interest.

REV. PAUL TURNBULL SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY ENDOWMENT - This week in 1998, many parishioners contributed funds to start an endowment in honor of Father Paul's 25th Anniversary of priestly ministry. Through the years, the endowment has received \$30,600 in contributions while awarding \$13,617 in music ministry grants. The fund's current market value is \$44,000 and will award \$1,724 later this year. Prior beneficiaries include our parish's music ministry, the Cathedral's music ministry (including the 2019 Vienna Boys Choir Concert), and the Academy of Sacred Music, where Father Paul served as president of the board. The fund is administered through a Catholic portfolio at the Independent Catholic Foundation (Chris Ringkamp, CEO).

“OUR SUNDAY BEST” - This expression has its roots in the way churchgoers prepare themselves to worship Christ the King! We put on our “Sunday Best” as a sign of the honor with which we acknowledge Christ the Risen One. We certainly do it for Easter Sunday, when “we come dressed for an audience with the Living God.” The Church teaches us that **every** Sunday is Easter! Every Sunday when we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we are urged to come in our “Sunday Best.”

FIRST COMMUNION – We congratulate our First Communicants who will be making their First Eucharist next Sunday, May 7th. They are: *Luke Ansley, Lena Ballos, Phaerah Gides, Roman Gides, Alexander Gillie, Aralin Guinard, Maura Hovance, Hoyt Langenbacher, Alec Martens, Dorian Tomchick, Nolan Veckov, and Avelyn Witt.*

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - We will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing here at St. John's on May 21 at 2 PM in the afternoon. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us. Perhaps you know someone who needs transportation to this beautiful celebration.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING FOR JUNE 3 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

It's time to schedule for Summer 2023.

If you have internet access please enter your NOT available dates in your profile in Ministry Scheduler Pro.

Here is the direct link to that website – www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates

There is also a link from our parish website (WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon.

There are cards available in the Gathering Space for those who do not have access to the internet.

If you are not able to update your profile online or visit the church to fill out a card, you may give Mark a call on a weekday evening between 7 PM and 10 PM or on the weekends at 814-932-2223.

Please update your profile online or call me or fill out a card and return it by midnight on Sunday, May 21st.

Family members can fill out one card front and back.

Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

Schedule for the Week of May 7

Sunday, May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

11:00 AM - Mass for *Robert Cole* requested by Mary Ann Cole

Monday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Veronese Family* requested by Mary & Ray King

Tuesday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Pat & Ann Carnell

Wednesday, May 10 - Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Margareta Goch*

Thursday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Friday, May 12 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Saturday, May 13 - Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Mass for *Scott Broberg* requested by Gloria Broberg

Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00 AM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Betty Peschock

GARVEY MANOR SALE: Friends of the community at Garvey Manor, will be collecting Items until May 9 for a sale that will benefit residents on the campus. If you have household items, garage items, decorations, books, paintings that you want to donate, take those items to the Sarina house between 8 am and 5 pm. **No clothes or shoes.** Please share this with friends.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION: St. Patrick School is now enrolling students for grades Pre-K-8th for the 2023/24 school year. Interested families can contact the principal, Tara Steinbugl, at the school, 814-695-3819.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As Christian stewards, we are well aware that we are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. As we make our way to heaven we are called to make our dwelling here, a true “domestic church.” The stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families. It is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes where we honor God with prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and not forget that hospitality starts at home. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 4/4/2023)

April 22/23

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| Envelopes | \$ 3,734.00 |
| Loose Offerings | \$ 248.00 |
| Children's Offerings | \$ 5.00 |
| Parish Development | \$ 30.00 |
| Good Friday Holy Land | \$ 11.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ 215.00 |
| Food Bank Collection | \$ 120.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 1,727.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 6,090.10 |

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$ 30,035

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$ 50

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$ 29,985



Just a reminder that on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, (May 28) our 2nd Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. This Summer Mass Schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY SESSIONS: This summer please join us for small group discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's Sunday sermons. Each session we will delve into Bishop Barron's sermons where we can feel free to share our thoughts and concerns with others. The sessions will be every second and fourth Thursday of the month and will start in May and conclude in July. We will meet in St. Mary's Social Hall starting at 6:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm.

If you would like to participate, please email or call Dave Madden. Email address: coachdave1251@gmail.com
Phone number: 814-695-0395

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**Idy Caporuscio • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson
Ryan Raybuck • Reed Stellabotte**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Bud Shuster, father of Gia Dixon
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Sharing the Journey is a bereavement support group for adults who have lost a loved one. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 23rd IN THE Church Cry Room from 6:00-7:30. This month's topic will be Who am I now? Our meetings always include time to share, or to listen. We are a Christian based group and all faiths are welcome. There is no need to pre-register. *For more information contact Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076.*

BABY DRIVE: From May 6th through May 28th the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need. If you would like to donate, please place your item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

May 7: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Last Class

May 7: May Crowning & First Holy Communion at the 11:00 Mass

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

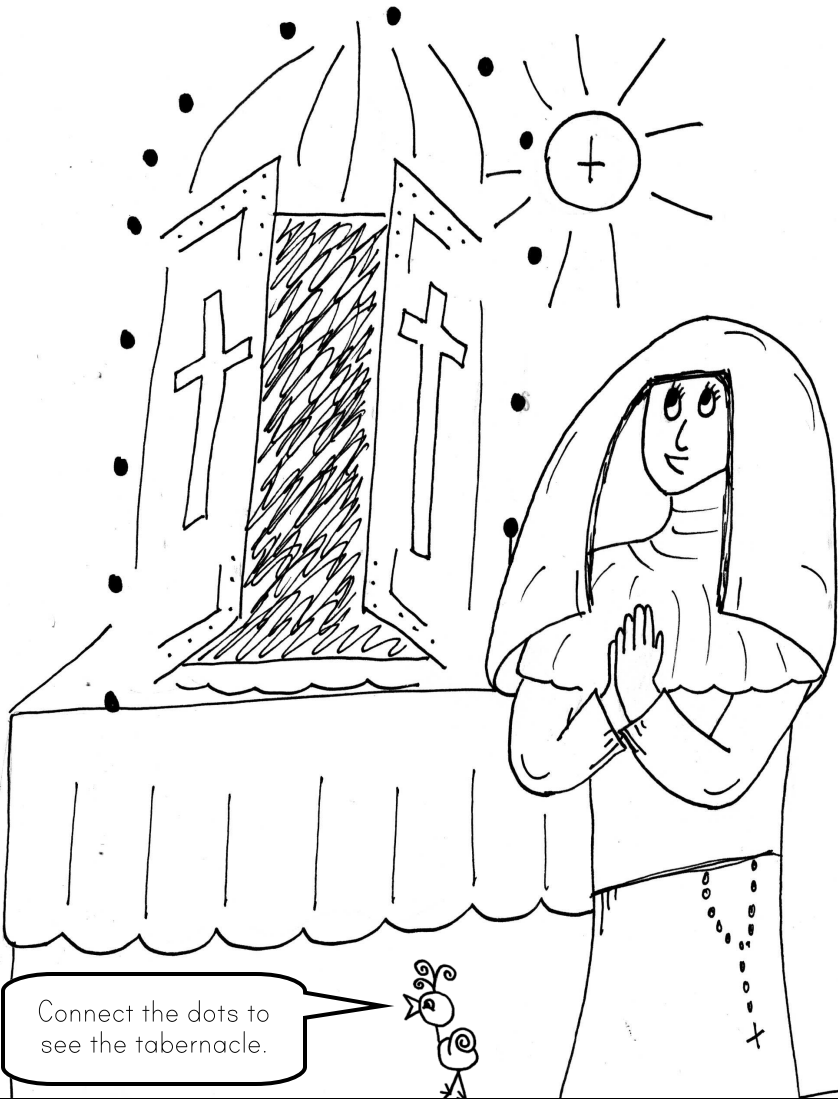
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WORKSHOP: May 20, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Bertschi Center, Mount Aloysius College, Cresson Pa, with Eucharistic presentations on "Beginning Again" to assist Catholics in recognizing the gift the Catholic Church has in the Eucharist as being the center of our Worship and our belief in the "REAL PRESENCE." Beginning again "will feature three priests serving in our Diocese, giving witness presentations on various parts of the Eucharist which have anchored not only their priestly and spiritual lives. Presenters include Father Clement Gardner who will speak on 'How the Homily has anchored his Priestly life and how it can anchor one's Christian Life. Fr. Jude Brady will share 'The Transforming Power of the Eucharist,' and Fr. Brian Norris's topic is 'The Mass is over, but your job has just begun.'" Robert Long, a native of Hollidaysburg, will also be with us to address how the music sung during the Eucharistic Celebration Awakens the Spirit when we pay attention to the lyrics of the song. His Topic is: 'The SPIRIT of the song.' It's a workshop you don't want to miss. To register go to www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again. (You will need to type in the web site) The cost is \$10.00 payable online with a credit card or with exact change at the door.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday, June 2, 2023 at Scotch Valley Country Club. The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast in the morning, and a BBQ picnic lunch will be served outdoors, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$425 for a foursome; \$125 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$15. Final deadline for Registration is May 24 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com.

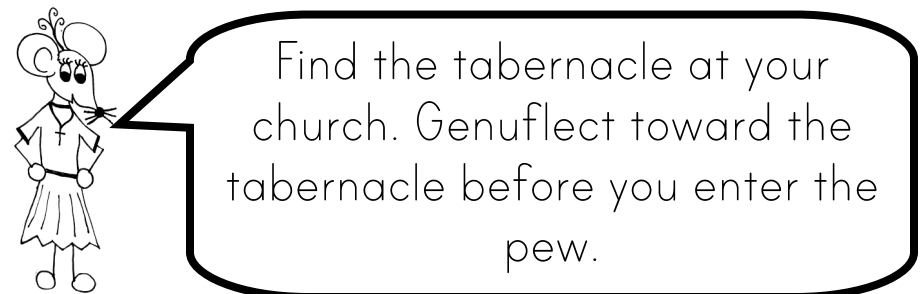
62ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG: June 2, 3 and 4 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00). Take out dinners available. Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

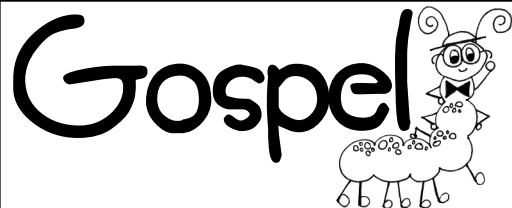
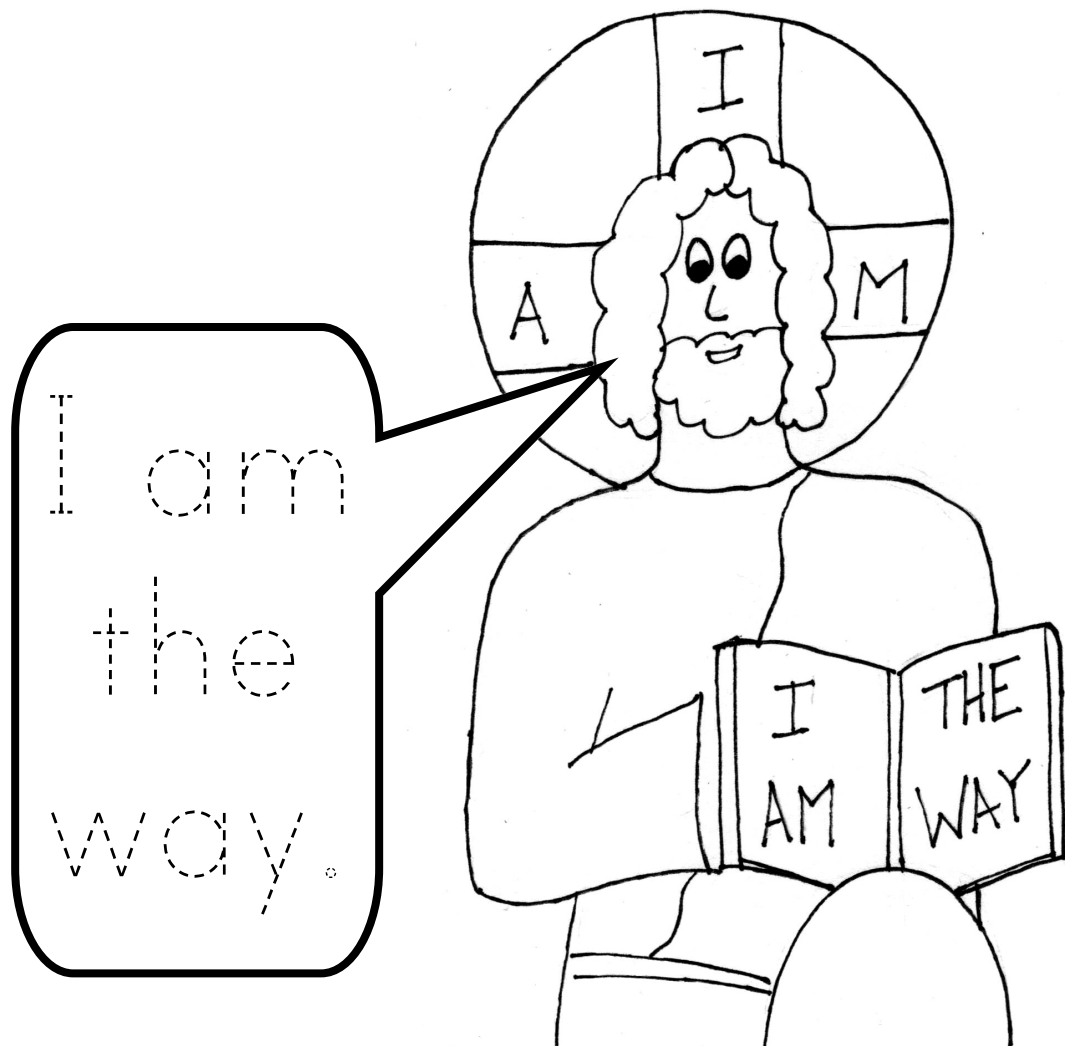
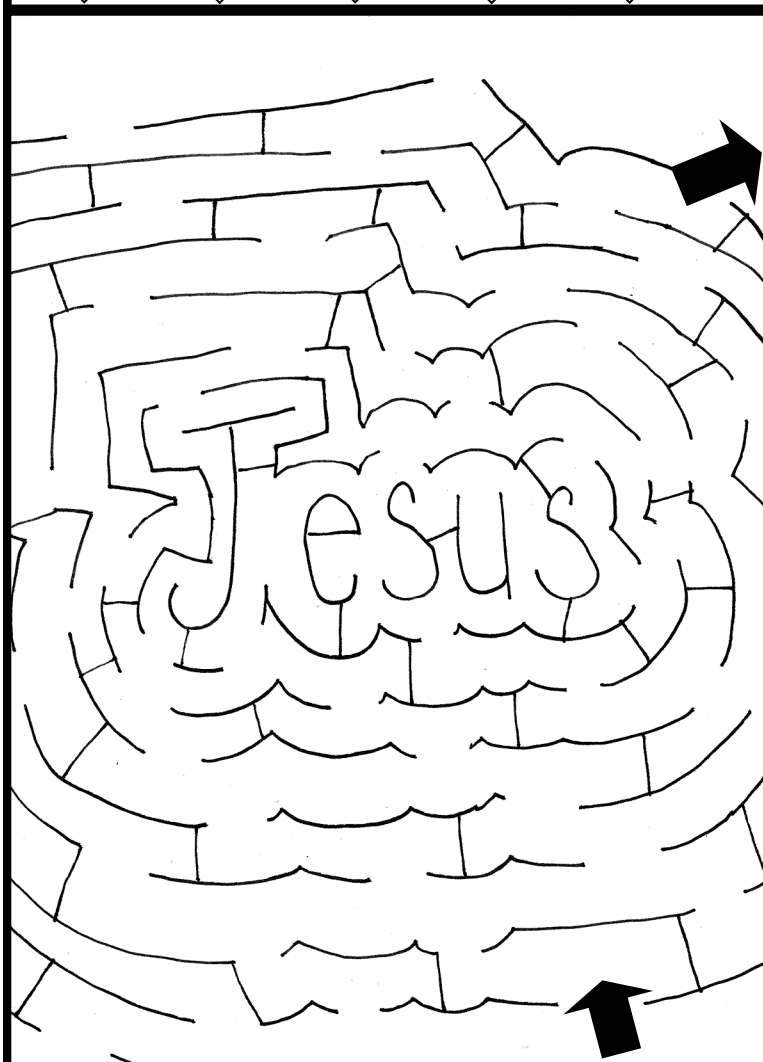
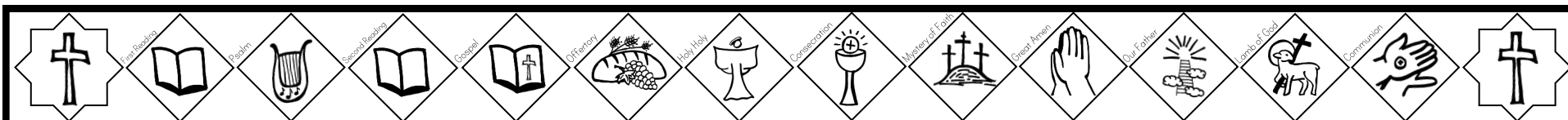
Blessed Imelda Lambertini

Blessed Imelda Lambertini wanted to receive Holy Eucharist, but she was too young. She knelt by the tabernacle and prayed that God would let her receive communion. The Eucharist miraculously floated out of the tabernacle for her First Communion!



Year A: Fifth Sunday of Easter





Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."