

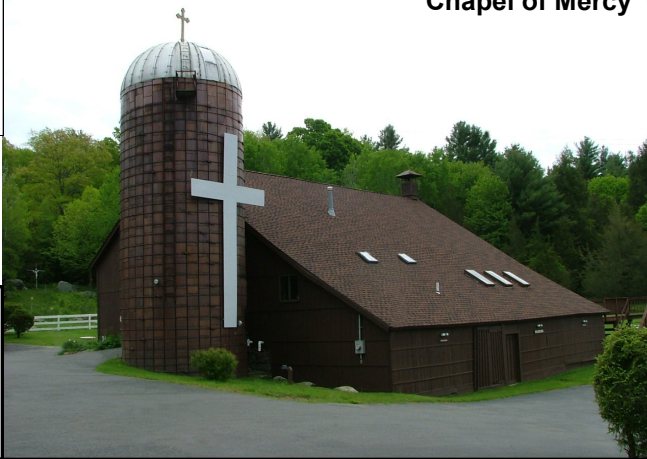
# Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church

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Chapel of Mercy



***"At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !"***

Like an early spring sunrise that shifts the whole winter landscape into retreat and also brings hope to a solitary sparrow that stayed and rode out the storms of winter, the renewing power of God affects both the very large and very little. The Psalmist suggests as much. He says, "Thou (God) renewest the face of the earth." On a different scale, he also prays, "Renew a right spirit within me." God's renewing power resolves concerns that are planet-wide – and sparrow small.

Today, too, humanity's needs come in both sizes. At one extreme, an entire nation's infrastructure, its roads and bridges, its dams and levees, and more, demand repair or replacement. At the other extreme, a lone individual, perhaps faced with some serious condition, may be overwhelmed by fear and fighting for survival. The renewing power of God offers help in both cases and can bring fresh solutions to where it seemed there were none.

These solutions are always in keeping with God's nature. He doesn't simply restore decaying matter with more gross matter. God isn't operating on a material framework. Rather, He is expressing His spiritual nature. That's renewing! As one realizes this in prayer, it grows easier to shed material beliefs for spiritual understanding. Then new views of God's renewing power begin to open up.

Think of God as "Divine Love". "Love" cherishes its own creation right now, every second. Because this divine cherishing proceeds from almighty Love, it renews the hope of any individual who might feel despair. Fear and despair lose their grip and drop away as the assurances of Love take hold in thought. Healing follows.

Or, think of God as "Infinite Mind", the source of all intelligence. "Mind" knows its own ideas and each idea is being made anew as it is constantly realized afresh. While this occurs in consciousness, it is a spiritual event. Evidence of this renewed consciousness shows up in daily life – perhaps in behavior freed from old and detrimental patterns.

Other names of God reveal other dimensions of His being. "Principle" establishes and orders its creation, and keeps every aspect of that creation in right relation to all other aspects of creation. Since God is "Omnipresent", Divine Principle is constantly acting on our behalf, universally.

"Immortal Soul" identifies and perceives each of us as constantly new. Our soul-maintained identity has no declining elements when it is in conformity with divine intent, only ongoing strength and rightly performing faculties. As well, indestructible "Life" invigorates, enlivens, and quickens. Life can't be resisted and as the emanation of life, we are refreshed every moment.

God is "Truth." Truth's liberating action never lets anyone linger in the imprisoning cycle of decline. When we become conscious of Truth's freeing action, our revitalized consciousness helps redeem the world. We can help to heal and renew others, even if just one person at a time.

In His Light,

Let's rejoice that renewal happens now because Spirit, everywhere guarding, maintaining, and caring, constantly inspires an invigorated awareness of life and spiritual renewal in every human heart. Bishop Raymond Contois

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## WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday - - Cancelled

Sunday - 9:00 AM \*

Wednesday- - Cancelled

## RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS

By Appointment (413) 324-1164



### May Schedule

#### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Ministers of the Word

4th Clergy Only

11th Clergy Only

18th Clergy Only

25th Clergy Only



Beth, Ron

Catherine, Paula Ann

Ron, Jayne

Beth, Dan



### Bethany Food Drive

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer.

Thank You for your constant generosity.



"Hunger never takes a vacation."



### What is Ascension Day?

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (colloquially known as Ascension Thursday or **Ascension Day**) is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily ascension of **Jesus** into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. **(June 1st at 9:00 AM)**

### Prayer of Father Lataste

Oh my Jesus, I want to love you. Give yourself to me and grant that I may give myself to you. Make me one with you. May my will be yours. Unite me to you so that I live only in and for you. Grant that I may spend for you all I have received from you, keeping nothing for myself. May I die to all for you, and, bring others to you. Oh my Jesus, many others.

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Founder of Bethany



JEAN JOSEPH LATASTE, O.P.  
1832 - 1869

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love him as you love him and serve him in the distressing guise of the poor." -- Blessed Mother



*"Thou art, oh God, the Life and Light of all this wondrous world we see, its glow by day, its smile by night are but reflections caught from Thee. Where ever we turn, Thy glories shine and all things fair and bright are Thine."*  
St. Thomas Moore



## Dates to Remember May 2025

4th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

11th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass



18th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

25th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass



In honor of Mary, during the month of May we will be reciting the Rosary before the start of Mass on Sunday mornings. Please send us your special intentions so that we may pray for them during the recitation of the Rosary. We honor Mary for Interceding on our behalf and leading us back to her son.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we give thanks to all the wonderful women who have nurtured us throughout life. Let us also remember that May is the month of Mary who was given to us by Jesus as mother of us all.



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