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Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

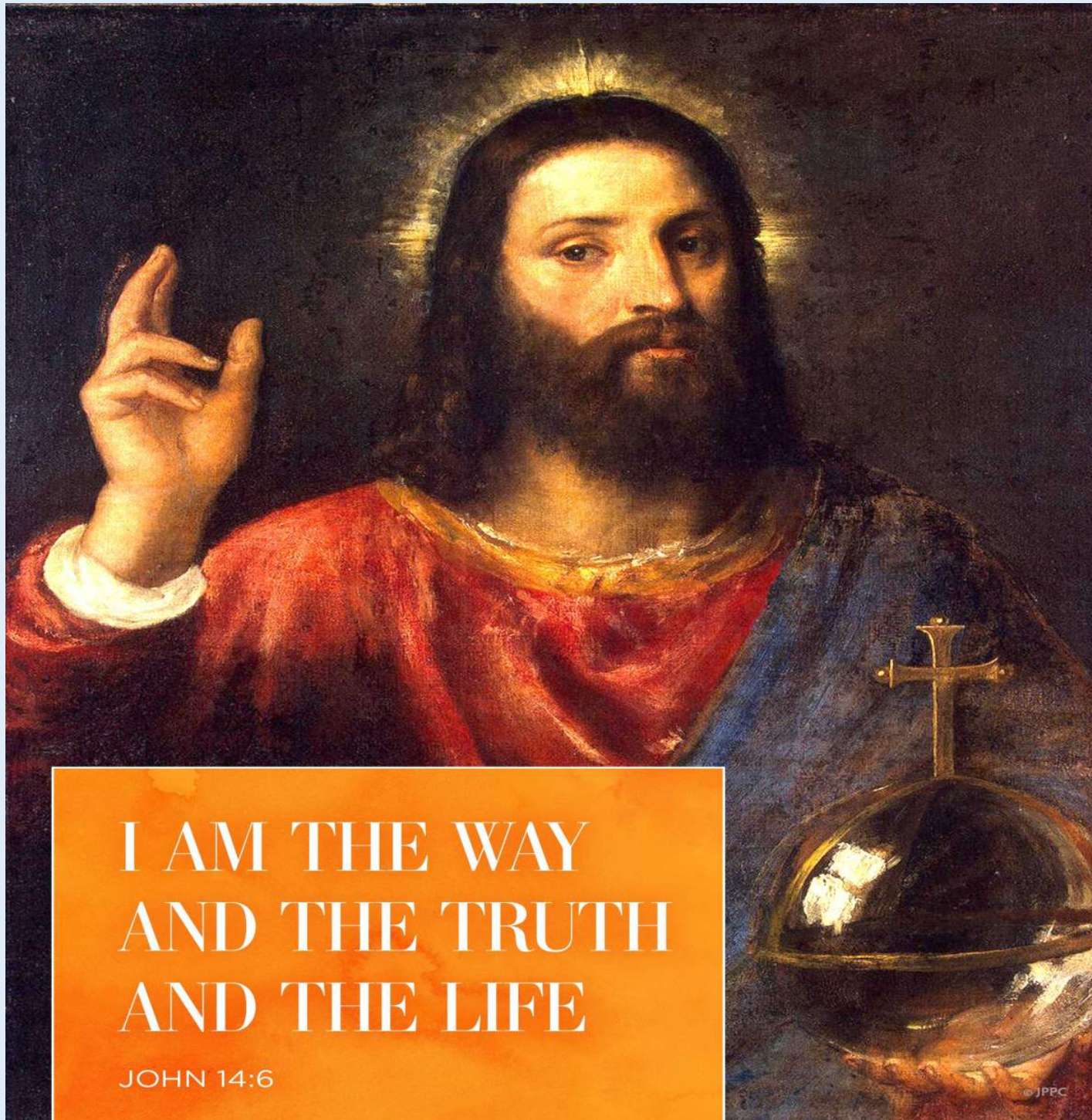
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I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

Liturgy Schedule May 9th - 10th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander

Euch Min: Judy & Norm Wolbert, Linda Ida

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcraz, Monica Lehnortt

Rosary: Dan & Mary Banner

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: Dave Thimons & Lissie Letot

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Ron Songer

Euch Min: Linda Siegel, Joel Schettler, Carol Schettler

Altar Server: Nathan Karg

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: David Smerkar Jr

Euch Min: Butch Hoover, Emily Weaver, Mark Beichner

Altar Server: Joey & Brooklyn Spence

Ushers: Matt, Nick & Isaac Gilara

Rosary: Cathy Longacre

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: George & Lisa Carroll

St. Michael: Sue & Todd Beichner

St. Mary: Shawn & Tami Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Dewayne Kaltenbach by The Family

St Joseph: Connie & Gerry Ochs by Dana & Jen Ochs

St Mary: Lynnette McHugh by Jim

Weekly Offertory

Weekend of April 18th & 19th

St Joseph \$2,733.00

St Michael \$2,129.00

St Mary \$2,164.00

Masses For The Week



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

Monday, May 4

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Susie & Bob Carbaugh by Jane Carroll

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Charlie Weaver by Steve & Diane Banner

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Living & Deceased of Edwin Fesenmyer Family by The Family

Thursday, May 7

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Steve & Juanita Ochs & Robert Wolbert by John & Karen Wolbert

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Charmaine Calfo by James Hoffmann

Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Cyril & Phyllis Wolbert & Deceased Members of the Family by The Family

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) NO MASS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Edward & Jessie Hoover & Donna Carl & Suzanne Wells by The Family

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Connie & Gerry Ochs By The Family

Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Parish Family

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Norbert Bauer by Barb Schettler



There are only a few Masses available at St Mary Parish for the month of June—St Joseph and St Michael are completely filled.

Scheduling of Masses for all three parishes for July through December 2026 will begin at a later date—please watch the bulletin for the announcement.

A Word from Father Brandon

Last week, the weekly news show, *60 Minutes*, broadcasted a 40 minute interview with former Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse. Former Sen. Sasse is currently dying from stage-IV pancreatic cancer. In December, he was given 4 months to live. Right now, he's on borrowed time because of a clinical trial. In that context, Sen. Sasse has been using these last days of his life to speak to as many as he can about how he sees the state of the country, where it's heading, and about his rootedness in faith. In his less than two terms in the Senate, Sen. Sasse was known as someone who doesn't quite speak as a typical partisan politician, but as a learned historian and a devout 'armchair' theologian. Every so often we get people in the public and political sphere who speak from groundedness, with depth, with a true love for humanity and of God. I think it's no surprise that we live in a world where our society has put their eyes and ears onto the noise of partisan politics that regresses us to neanderthals and brings us to serve our beastly instincts. This is done at the expense of losing sight that we are different from the animals! We are not beasts! We have intellects, compassion, empathy; we strive for virtue and holiness; we seek to create communities rooted in love, support, care, and deep concern for the other and our neighbors; we are made for love and community and family, not guttural impulses for ugliness and cruelty! It's just so old, so overdone, so cringe at this point that I don't know why we stay here as a people. But...I digress! This interview with Sen. Sasse is worth the time it takes to watch. I don't often recommend random interviews of politicians, but this interview was just so deep and rich in perspective and critique, in hope and in faith. If nothing else you take away from it, it's awe-inspiring to see someone staring death in the face with such a diagnosis and preparing to leave this world with such joy in faith, security in his love for his family, and his pride in being a citizen of this nation! I saw him about two years ago in the Omaha airport, after he had left the Senate. I am not an expert in the senator's politics, nor do I really care to debate people on their politics, but I have just understood him to be, like I said, someone that ascended that office and brought with him a rich love of God and his country, and did not exploit them to craft a political dynamsty...but simply to be a humble servant to his God and the country he loved. I wanted to say hi to him when I saw him in the airport that day - I perhaps was uncomfortably hovering near him for too long, but he was on the phone and never put it down till he started to board his flight. I am just someone who is a sucker for smart people; people who are not interested in themselves, but are interested and passionate about ideas, discourse, meaningful conversation, and community. It doesn't matter to me what your party is - that is just a construct, a word - I care about what you teach, how you conduct yourself, how you engage others who are different from you, and how you care for the least among us - and shape our nation and Church! Sen. Sasse is a Reformed Presbyterian, but his faith is remarkable and his diagnosis and notoriety has given him a platform to show us what it looks like to have faith in the face of death, and, ultimately, how to die with dignity. So, I recommend you watch that interview because I think we are a people who are living in a society dying of a cancer itself, and we need heroic examples of public servants of faith who are disinterested in themselves, but wholly invested in the future, in our institutions, in our communities, and ultimately in our destiny to be united again in Heaven! Our public and political life should be about that - and nothing less - and it's healthy to see a man, whom you may disagree with politically, trying to do his part in living up to those holy ideals.

I wanted to let you all know that I made a hire. I had multiple candidates apply for the Property Manager position, and it was a tough choice to be made! Ultimately, I am excited to say that I hired Matt Eisenman for the position! Matt and his wife Jess are active in our parishes, their children go to St Joseph School, and I am confident that he will be a good steward of our properties and maintain them well! Like I said, there were good candidates, and it was a tough decision to pick only one. I thank those who expressed interest! I am excited to have Matt in this position; he will begin May 18. He will be a great collaborator in caring for the treasure that is our properties and seeing to it that they are cared for with the utmost reverence they deserve!

Love,

Fr Brandon



The four evangelists are the traditional writers of the four Gospels. Their symbols are based on the Bible, Ezekiel's vision and Revelation.

St. John: an eagle.

The eagle is a symbol of St. John for several reasons. An early legend had it that the eagle would periodically renew its youth by flying near the sun and then plunging into water. On this basis it became a symbol of resurrection. Since an eagle will soar upwards it can be seen as a symbol of Jesus' Ascension. An eagle has excellent eyesight: John is able to "see" what is not immediately present in Jesus' teachings.



The **Lucinda Area Spring Sportsman's Raffle** will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Social Hall on Sunday, May 3rd beginning at noon. 40 guns plus \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded from noon until 4:00pm. Print raffle, 50/50 raffles and side raffles will be conducted throughout the afternoon. A meal is available from noon until 3:00pm; no take outs available. You must present your ticket for the meal and side raffles to participate. Tickets are available at local businesses. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

St. Michael Church will be accepting donations for the rummage sale at the church hall on Saturday, May 16th from 8am - 4pm, and on Sunday, May 17th from 1pm - 4pm, and on Monday, May 18th - Thursday, May 21st from 8am - 4pm each day. The rummage sale will be open on Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd from 9am - 3pm. We will NOT be accepting any electronics. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Cyphert at 354-2057.

Walking with Moms

The next **Walking With Moms** meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph rectory. Come and see what we've been doing to support local moms, and how we're planning to continue to spread Christ's love in our community. All parishioners are welcome!

Our second **baby bottle boomerang** for this year is coming up soon!. ABC Life Center in Franklin provides resources, education, and spiritual support to moms and families in Venango County.

Please support their efforts to help families choose life! Bottles will be available at our church entrances Mother's Day, May 10-Father's Day, June 21. Thank you for your generosity!

Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a First Come, First Serve Basis and must have proper grammar and spelling. Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com

**2026 CSA UPDATE
as of 4/27/2026**

St Joseph Assessment to the Diocese: \$34,807.00

Total Pledged: \$44,210.00

Total Paid: \$28,195.00

St Michael Assessment to the Diocese: \$38,740.00

Total Pledged: \$36,777.00

Total Paid: \$31,152.00

St Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$23,034.00

Total Pledged: \$25,395.00

Total Paid: \$14,774.00

The next **Rural Catholic Women's** meeting will be held in Stutz Hall at St. Mary Parish in Crown on Wednesday, May 13 at 6 pm. May is the month of Mary, and there will be a presentation of Mary's apparitions at Fatima and Lourdes. Please join us and bring a friend!



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Anyone who may be interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, at Masses, to please contact the parish office.

St Joseph Rosary Society Meeting: May 7 @ 6:00 PM (St. Joseph Social Hall)

There will be a preview of the quilts to be auctioned at the July 4th celebration. There will also be donated fabric-free for the taking as well! We hope to see you there!

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Robert Wolfgang Family and the 50/50 winner is Robert Wolfgang. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 12th at 6 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, May 16th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.


THE 49th Annual ROSARY MARCH SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 2026, 3 pm


The March will begin at 3:00 PM in procession with the diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue at the CLEARFIELD COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS in Clearfield, PA. The Clearfield St. Francis Chapter of The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to join us! The Rosary Procession will begin at the fairgrounds inside the Expo I Building, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the outdoor Rosary and Eucharistic Procession.


May 3, 2026

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. **Checks are made payable to: Marienville Community Methodist Church-in memo write: North Clarion/Marienville Food Bank. Mail checks to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville, PA 16239.** For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for May and June 2026 are: cake mix; boxed potatoes (scalloped or au gratin); canned tomatoes; jello; pudding; canned pasta; baked beans; macaroni and cheese; soft soap; dish soap. Distribution dates are: Tuesday May—TBD and Tuesday, June 23, 2026. **“Volunteers Needed”**

St. Michael Rosary Society Updates!

 Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM** in St. Michael Hall. All members are encouraged to attend! The following meeting will be June 8th. No meeting in July.

 St. Michael Parish will celebrate the **May Crowning on Sunday, May 10 at the 11:00 AM Mass.** Children who would like to participate in the entrance procession are asked to meet at the back of the church prior to Mass.

 **Pray for Peace** will begin on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm at St. Michael. We will meet every Tuesday through the summer and most of fall to pray the Rosary for peace by the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows behind the church, or inside the church if it is raining or too cold! All are welcome!

Mayfest Bake Sale

The Rosary Society is hosting a bake sale during the Mayfest Rummage Sale on **May 22 & 23 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the hall or coordinated with Becky Vickers or Ani Litt. Volunteers are also needed to assist at the bake sale and to sell quilt raffle tickets!

Knights of Columbus Sporting Raffle – June 6

The Rosary Society is currently selling **quilt raffle tickets** at the doors of the church and at local businesses—please consider purchasing or helping to sell tickets! **We are also seeking volunteers** for the event to assist with kitchen duties (buffet line, food prep, bus tables, etc), food preparation the week prior, and selling raffle tickets on the grounds. A work schedule will be available soon. If you are able to help in any way, please reach out—we are grateful for your time and support! - Becky Vickers, 814-657-2656 / bhoov24@gmail.com, or Ani Litt, 814-316-3537.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired diocesan priests. This collection assists those priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplemental assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home care and long-term care.

As the number of retired priests increases in the coming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need additional funding to meet future needs. Your generosity honors the faithful service of our priests and provides for their care in retirement.

Please use the special collection envelope or clearly mark your gift “Good Shepherd Collection.”



Please Join the St. Joseph Students
for
Mass
and
May Crowning

May 6th
Mass at 8:30 am
St. Joseph Church
May Crowning to follow
Mass

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MAY NEWSLETTER



Now Enrolling for 2026-2027 School Year - Come Grow With Us

Important Dates

5/3
Sportsman's Raffle

5/4 - 5/8
NWEA testing
&
Teacher Appreciation
Week

5/5
PT Meeting
6:30 pm in the Chill Room

5/6
May Crowning

5/12
Hot Lunch

5/14
AG Safety Days - 2nd Grade

5/22
Last Day for Preschool
&
Spring Field Day

5/25
Memorial Day

5/26
Kalyumet Park Family Fun
Day

5/28
Last Day of School

From the Principal...

Dear Friends of St. Joseph School,

I can't believe we are nearing the end of another school year—what a great year it has been! Thank you so much for your continued support, kindness, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement and encouragement truly mean so much to our school family and help make St. Joseph School such a special place.

As we head into these final weeks, let's keep the momentum going! I encourage our students to stay focused, keep giving their best effort, and take pride in all they have accomplished. These last days are filled with special moments, and I look forward to celebrating them together as we finish the year strong!

May 5th-9th is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

We are truly blessed to have such dedicated individuals as part of our school family. I encourage you to take a moment to share your gratitude with our teachers and staff for the many sacrifices they make each day to provide a safe, nurturing, and exceptional learning environment for our students.

We will honor our Blessed Mother during our May Crowning on Wednesday, May 6th at the 8:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate this beautiful tradition.

Following Mass, please join us in the parish hall for "Donuts and More with Grownups." We look forward to sharing this special morning with you.

God bless,
Mrs. Betsy Ochs



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us.



Preschool - 3 day

The last month of school is upon us and the year has flown by! Preschool will be focusing on Changes this month - those that happen around us and those that occur within us. We will explore how much we have learned and how much we have grown. May will also see us completing a final review of literacy and math concepts as we celebrate our friends who are moving on to Kindergarten next year!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten's lessons in Religion will include stories such as The Good Neighbor. In reading, one of our stories will be One of Three. Our reading skills will cover blending letter sounds, nouns, verbs, writing sentences. In math, we will explore more addition and subtraction, coins and measuring



2nd Grade

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of the school year! To wrap up second grade, the students will be learning about lines and surfaces and how to multiply by 3 and 4 in math. In science, we will be learning about force and motion.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



4th Grade

This month in math, students will identify and classify triangles based on their sides and angles. In addition, we will practice naming and measuring angles and recognizing their roles in real-world shapes. In language arts, students will practice writing friendly and formal letters with proper format and clear ideas. The students will focus on identifying the main idea, summarizing texts, and finding the theme of a text using text evidence.



6th Grade

Students will be learning about how to improve their social-emotional environment and how this affects their health. Discussions on how to improve this will take place with listing coping skills for dealing with a negative social-emotional environment.

Preschool - 5 day



May is a special month in our preschool classroom as we begin to wrap up the school year! Our class has grown so much and has become more confident each day. This month, we will explore weather and seasons, practice trying new things, and celebrate all that we have learned throughout the year. We will continue building our skills by working on simple subtraction, weights, blending 3 phonemes, and listening for ending sounds in words. We will also spend time reviewing all of the letters, numbers, and shapes we have learned this school year. We are so excited to finish the year with lots of fun, learning, and celebration!

1st Grade



First Grade's Religion one of our lessons will be Jesus Teaches About Love. In reading, one of our stories will be - What Can You Do? Our reading skills will cover the long vowels, contractions, writing sentences about ourselves, adverbs, verbs. In math, we will practice, coins, more adding and subtracting, and introduction to multiplication.

3rd Grade



In third grade we are focusing on perfecting the writing process and building strong informative writing pieces. In math, we are learning about area and perimeter. In Religion, we are learning about people who are called to serve God. In science, we are learning about various types of matter. In social studies, we are studying how economics work.

5th Grade



In Religion, fifth grade is learning that God helps us live a holy life by His gift of grace. In social studies, we are exploring the major events that led to the Civil War. In language arts, we are reading They Called Her Molly Pitcher, a narrative nonfiction story about a woman who assisted the soldiers during the Civil War.

Mass Days



5/6
5/14
5/20
5/27

Pizza Days



5/7
5/14
5/21
5/28



Birthdays

5/2 Mrs. Facciani
5/4 Hunter
5/5 Ben & George
5/8 Hank & Wilbur
5/12 Mackenna
5/12 Kylah
5/23 Mr. Steudler
5/24 Justin

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