

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	May & Millie by Hetterscheidt Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	In Celebration of the Newly Confirmed
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Dick Krauss by Mike Krauss
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Bonnie Shumaker by Lewis Shumaker
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Gallagher & Huff Families by Rosemary Veit
Friday	8:30 a.m.	David Hetterscheidt by Family
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Richard & Alice Hoffman by Doyle Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Slone by Beth Flint
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

THIS WEEKEND

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Sharon Merritt, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Eli Nuakey

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
Colleene Weiser, Branson Cline, Marita Surry
Patricia Raynak, Sandro Nuakey, Todd Lutz

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Williams, Sandy Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Dave Solack, JoEllen Stebelton
	11:00 a.m.	Joe Stewart, Jim Raynak

Regina Courey, David Wilson
Ken Koebel, Rosemarie Watters
Beth Lutz, Mayellen Fowler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Regina Courey, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher, Mark Dorion, Pat Jenkins
	11:00 a.m.	Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler, Jan Gale, John Kinch

Sandy Trammer, Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Williams, Pam Gerardi, Blair Williams
Irene Fagan, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton, Carolyn Veit
Bill Reeves, Marie Kujawski, Carl Scholl, Noreen Reeves, Dorothy Carter

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Debra Smith
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Kathy Frank
	11:00 a.m.	Susan Howell

Debra Smith
Susan Howell
Mary Mashburn

From The Pastor's Desk

Feast of the Ascension: Today, we celebrate one of the important Easter Feasts, the Ascension. Some calendars still have Thursday, May 5, as the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. This is not the case. In our Diocese and all the Dioceses of Ohio and Michigan, by decisions of the Bishops, the Feast has been moved to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which is this Sunday, May 8. We have done this for some time now. There is a tradition from the Acts that, after forty days of preparing His disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven. Forty is always a period of preparation in the Scriptures. Most Scripture Scholars believe the Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost happened as one event, and thus on the same day. So, celebrating Ascension on Sunday has some solid historical basis. The Bishops also thought if the Feast was celebrated on Sunday, many more people would have the opportunity to celebrate this important Easter Feast. **Next week, we will close the Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost.**

Readings: In today's readings, we have the last part of Luke's Gospel and the first part of the Acts. We should remember that Luke is the author of both and they depend on one another. In the reading from Acts, we have what Luke's intention was in writing the Gospel and his account of the Ascension. You can see where we got the tradition of Ascension being forty days after Easter. The Response is a good response for this day. Ephesians also helps us to appreciate the Ascension. The apostles needed this positive spin.

In the Gospel, we have another account of the Ascension.

St. Mary Parish welcomes Bishop Frederick Campbell, Deacon Roger Pry and seminarian Bryant Haren to our parish for the Celebration of Confirmation

-READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 8 - Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Lk 24:46-53

Monday, May 9 – Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 10 – Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 11 – Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 12 – Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 13 – Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 14 – Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15 – Vigil – Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39

Day – Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

May 1 - Sunday Offering - \$5,791.10

Catholic Communication Campaign - \$50.00

Food Pantry - \$245.00

God bless you for your continued support of St. Mary Church!

We encourage you to support the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal that began last weekend. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a source of hope and inspiration for so many in our midst. This year, our parish has been asked to raise \$37,808.11. We are asking each household to consider a gift in proportion to your financial blessings; please know that we are grateful to you for your sacrifice, regardless of the amount. If you are unable to give this weekend, please at least make your pledge to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge envelopes are provided in the pews. Thank you for your support!

Next weekend, we will take up collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). The CCC helps spread the Good News to you—and focuses on new and existing ways to communicate Jesus' gospel message, making it available to both the faithful and those seeking the faith. The CCC supports both national and diocesan communication efforts that provide news, discussions and special events and programs. Please be generous in the collection and support this important work!

St. John XXIII Spring Benefit Auction will be held on Friday, May 13, to raise money for site improvements. Tickets for this event are on sale for \$25. The ticket includes an opportunity to bid on all items as well as enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee and dessert. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00p.m. and Live Auction begins at 8:00 p.m. Call the Regina Hrytzik at St. John XXIII Church, 614-920-1563 to buy your ticket(s).

We want to thank Madison Christian School students for their hard work laying mulch on the church grounds! Also, thank you to the parish volunteers who assisted to make this project a success! The church grounds are beautiful!

We welcome into our parish Robbert Joseph Gillies who was baptized in our parish church last weekend, May 1, 2016. May God's blessings be upon him and his family.

Happy Mother's Day

May God bless all mothers – expectant and birth mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers – that they continue to be generous in their love, strong in their guidance, and persevering in their compassion and forgiveness. Amen

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of May, they are requesting **peanut butter & jelly**.

The next SVDP meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22 at noon in the Parish Hall.

Next weekend will be the SVDP Third Sunday Collection after all Masses!

Your support is appreciated! Donations help those less fortunate in our area!

The Craft Club will meet this Tuesday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to share in the fun and potluck! Any questions, please contact Rosemarie Watters, 614-491-6978.

The next Men's Group meeting will be this Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The next Altar Rosary Society meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m., installation of President, Treasurer and Secretary and potluck.

Hugs and Prayers – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Mary Ann & Richard Armstrong, Ann Arnett, Virginia Bauman, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Steve Howell, Jake & Maureen Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Mike Metzger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Matthew Riordan, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Bernie Sokolowski, David Stember, Virginia Theado, Dave Verbance, David Wilson, Howard & Rosemarie Watters, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

Congratulations to Wyatt Eugene Garrabrant who received his First Eucharist last weekend, April 30, 2016.

The Flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Maria Zarbaugh and the Flower Boutique in celebration of this year's class of Confirmandi.