

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, May 9

8:00am - Eleanor Zmuginsky - Holly & George Banjoff

Tuesday, May 10

8:00am - Richard & Suzanne Justy - Michael Justy

Thursday, May 12

8:00am - Helen Smith - Jackie Stefancin

Friday, May 13

8:00am - Henry & Catherine Kantosky - Bill & Dorothy Kantosky

Church

Saturday, May 14

3:30pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Jim & Hilda Quinn - Family

Sunday, May 15 - Pentecost Sunday

8:30am - Michael & Mary Ziska - Joe & Mary Kay Filipiak

11:00am - Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady's Guild

Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Betty Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Steve Fialkowski, Sandy Vasbinder, Tami Lynsky, Betty Kirsch, Leon Denomme, Mike Wilson, Jim Lynsky, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Dave Wilson, Antoinette & Tyler Smith, Amanda VanSchoor, Debbie Hutnyak, Henry Husk, Brandon Bommer, Larry Knepper, Robert Yunker, Kathy Borowy, Helen Stewart, Todd Cendrosky, Reggie Kirsch, and Kristy Whitman.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364 to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READING FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SCHOLARSHIP: We will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to eligible parishioners who complete the application form by May 15th. To be eligible a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or are active in the church on campus where they go to college. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, parish office or the parish website. To fund these scholarships there will be second collection the weekend of May 14th & 15th.

LEADERSHIP MEETING: There will be a meeting of all the heads (or representative) of all the organizations and ministries on Thursday, June 9th at 7:00pm. We will be looking ahead to how we can respond to this Year of Mercy through the activities and ministries in the year ahead. This will include working on the parish calendar for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. If your ministry or organization has not already turned in your requested dates to the office please do so before May 26th so we can have a rough draft of the calendar available for this meeting. Please include in your requests the weekends you wish to be in the Gathering Area during the year as we will be limiting the number of fund raisers on a given weekend.

CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53).

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: The staff at Our Lady Queen of Peace would like to wish all the mother's of the parish a very happy and special Mother's Day.

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

PASTOR'S CORNER: Last weekend, we totally forgot about the second collection that was to be taken for the Parish Scholarship Fund. Not wanting to take up the collection this weekend, being Mother's Day, it has been moved to next weekend, May 14/15. Scholarship applications are also to be turned in by May 15th.

Congratulations to Eugene Pleban who was named the Holy Name Person of the Year. Eugene has been active in the Holy Name Society for years and is instrumental in making the yearly children's Christmas party happen. He is always behind the scenes working Holy Name functions and parish events and as an usher at the 8:30am Mass. Congratulations Eugene, and thank you for all the time you offer serving the parish.

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. To understand the Ascension, the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines it in nos. 665-667. #667 states: "Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit." As I think of Jesus constantly interceding for us before the Father, I think of countless mothers who have told me of their constant prayers for their children. Another way to understand the meaning of the Ascension is to look at the prayers of the Mass for this day, and in particular the Preface (prayer immediately before the Holy Holy). In the Preface for the Ascension we hear: 'Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.' As we seek to follow Jesus' ways we can be confident of going to where he has gone. This gives us motivation to persevere in living the way of Christ each day.

Fr. John

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Distribute communion at Mass as well as take communion to the homebound. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion go through a training class required by the diocese for certification and then a practical training class on parish procedures. If you are interested and feel called to this ministry please contact Fr. John.

The Spring Training schedule is in. These two classes are those nearest to us. You can see the whole list of classes on our website under **NOTES OF INTEREST - Eucharistic Ministers Needed.**

Sunday, May 15 – St. Francis Xavier – Medina
1:30pm - 4:00pm. Check-in starts at 1:00pm

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Fr. John or Sr. Kathleen. During this Easter Season we celebrate our faith in the Risen Christ and invite others to share in this belief. Invite someone you know to look into becoming a Catholic. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation.

GRADUATION MASS: There will be a Mass for all graduating High School and college students on Sunday, June 5th at the 11:00am Mass. Please call the parish office (926-2364) if you will be attending. Please wear your cap and gown if possible for the Mass.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are in need of someone to lead the parish Vacation Bible School this summer as well as assistants to help for this one week experience. The date will be set by the person who accepts the role of leading VBS. For more information please contact Fr. John.

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WEAR RED: Next weekend is the celebration of Pentecost. The liturgical color for this Solemnity is red. By wearing red for Mass we will show our community is alive with the power and passion of the Holy Spirit. Also the Easter Season concludes with the celebration of Pentecost and the Paschal Candle will be extinguished and moved to the baptismal font where it will be used for baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, May 1: \$	11,552.96	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 2,752.96
Sunday Y-T-D : \$	395,122.43	\$387,200.00	\$ 7,922.43
Mortgage Reduction April: \$	2,085.00	\$ 2,750.00	(\$ 665.00)

NEWMAN CAMPUS: Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland a special collection is taken up in all parishes to support the Catechetical Ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation & Education. Funding from this collection supports Newman Campus Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Media Literacy, Parish Catechetical Leadership training and Catechist Certification. This year the collection will be held on the weekend of May 7th & 8th. A contribution to the Catechetical Ministries is an investment in the faith formation and religious education of every person of every age in the Diocese. Please consider giving a gift to this very special collection.

CALLING ALL LADIES! The first planning meeting for the 3rd Annual Ladies' Night Out will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00pm in the parish hall. All ladies are invited to help plan this year's event and join our planning committee!

2017 MASSES: Masses Intentions for 2017 can now be requested. Due to the large number of requests for mass intentions, we need to limit each parishioner to 8 total mass intentions for the year (this includes 4 weekend masses). To schedule Mass Intentions contact the office at 440-926-2364 or email us at: info@olqpgrafton.org.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: Our study of the Book of Revelation is underway. We invite you to join anytime, and discuss with us GOD'S WORD. We meet in Room 2 at 7:00pm in the Hall for lesson three (Revelation 4-7) on May 12, 2016 and lesson four (Revelation 8-11) on May 26, 2016. Study books are available in the Church office or contact Rick Gallaher (440) 458-6335 for a book or any questions. You will enjoy increasing your knowledge and appreciation of your faith. Hope to see you there.

MOTHER LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

—Chinese proverb

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration that will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1966). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered.

Date & Time: Sunday, 31 July 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Mass Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist All registrations should be handled through the parish office.

FAMILY PROMISE: We will once again be welcoming our guests from the Family Promise program during the week of May 22nd. There will be an Open House at 1:00pm on Sunday May 22nd if you would like to stop by at the hall for a quick tour to see how we transform the social hall into a home for our guests for the week. Training at 1:00pm will also be taking place for any new volunteers that will be interacting with the families. Sign ups and the list of Perishable items will be out in the gathering area May 14th and 15th before and after all the masses. Come stop by and see how you can help. We are looking for a group or individual to drop off Breakfast for our guests on Saturday May 28 at 7:00am. Please contact Linda at 216-701-3954 for number of guests.

BLESSINGS FOR BABIES: Our Parish is having a Baby Bottle Campaign for Birthright of Lorain County From Mother's Day, May 8th. to Father's Day, June 19th. Individuals and families may pick up a baby bottle at Mass on Mother's Day weekend, collect change in the bottle, and return it at Mass of Father's Day weekend. All donations will help Birthright, an all-volunteer, pro-life pregnancy support service that has served Lorain County since 1973. Last year their office had over 2800 visits from about 960 families. All services are free and confidential. They provide pregnancy tests, help with social services in the community, formula, diapers, baby food, maternity clothes, and clothing for infants and children. Last year they gave out a record 275 layettes for new born babies. Thank you for being Christ for others through Birthright.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday, May 9

7:00pm - Choir Practice (Church)
 7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)
 7:00pm - Lady's Night Out Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, May 10

5:00pm - Girl Scout Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)
 6:30pm - Cub Scout Committee Mtg.
 (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Thursday, May 12

11:30am - Seniors Luncheon (Parish Hall)
 7:00pm - Finance Council Mtg.
 (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Friday, May 13

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home

Saturday, May 14

8:30am - HH Food Drive (Parish Hall)
 2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)

PARISH INFORMATION

† **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

KID'S TOYS: Spring cleaning will have many of us wondering what to do with the kiddie toys that are still good but no longer needed at our household. Well, here is the answer! The Knights of Columbus members will have tables set up in our parking lot on Erie St. and we will be selling all kinds of kids toys and kid stuff (no car seats, please) that you will be willing to donate. All money collected from this sale will be donated to the local Birth Right chapter. Please hold onto all your kiddie stuff till the weekend of June 4th and 5th to bring them in.

CROSSES: The Knights of Columbus have received a new shipment of handmade, olive wood crosses that were fashioned by Palestinian Christian artisans. These crosses will be available this Sunday after all Masses in the Gathering Area. For just \$10. you will receive a beautiful, hand crafted, olive wood cross that was made in the Holy Land. The Knights will take all money generated from the sales of these crosses and send it to the Bethlehem region to help support over 800 Christian families. Thank you in advance for your support.



PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Sixth Annual Homecoming Days will be August 4, 5, & 6. There will be rides, games, bingo, beer garden, 5K, entertainment, festival food and so much more. Our kick-off weekend will be May 7 & 8. A table will be in the gathering area for you to purchase your raffle tickets. We are in need of a publicity chair. If you can fill this vacancy for us please contact the parish office.



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Holy Name Society Golf Outing: Please join the Holy Name for a 4-man Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, July 9, 2016 starting at 9:00am 'shotgun start' at Pine Brook Golf Course.

Cost for the outing is \$65 per person, which includes; 18 holes of golf with cart, food, beverages, and snacks! There will be various raffles, skills games and so much more! Please watch the bulletin for details on when registration will begin.

Can't Golf! Would you consider being a hole sponsor? Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a hole or would like to have their company or knows of a company or someone who would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Jim Andrews at the Parish Office 440 926-2364, Jim Lynsky 440 926-3389, Max Jalowiec 440 567-0201 or Dave Ward 440 926-3996.