

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017



Dear parishioners,

The line that most struck me today in the readings comes from the reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter has pointed out to the Israelites that they crucified the Lord and Christ. Then it says, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, 'What are we to do, my brothers?'"

Every time we say the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed we say that we believe in the forgiveness of sins. Have you given any thought to how seriously you take that?

Many times what we find most difficult is forgiving ourselves. We seem not to let go of the wrong we have done. We are embarrassed by the decision we made or the action we let ourselves get caught in. Some folks stop going to Mass because they don't believe God can forgive them. All this gives us reason to consider if we really believe in the forgiveness of sins.

Peter tells the Israelites "Repent." There's the kicker. We have to own our sin. We have to stop finding excuses or rationalizing. And we have to turn our life around and not sin again. We also need to make amends where we can—undo the gossip, repair the injury, replace what we have destroyed....

Believing in forgiveness is not to be taken lightly. It is a wondrous gift and a large obligation. Know that the Good Shepherd is always open to giving and teaching forgiveness.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

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| Sat May 6  | 4:00 p.m.  | Jim Badertscher                        |
| Sun May 7  | 10:00 a.m. | For the parish                         |
| Sat May 13 | 4:00 p.m.  | Gene Badertscher<br>Imajeane Mathewson |
| Sun May 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Janet Maenle                           |

## Communion Services

Fri May 12 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

|                             |            |       |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------|------------|
| Adults                      | \$2,830.00 | Loose | \$668.30   |
| Children                    | \$58.59    | Total | \$3,556.89 |
| 73 envelopes returned = 35% |            |       |            |
| Easter to date:             |            |       | \$4,548.50 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for May 13 & 14, 2017

**Money Counters:** Jason Granger, Janet Begg

### 8:30 p.m.

**Greeter:** Jan and Diana Emmert

**Cantor:** Katie Hohenbrink

**Ushers:** Dave and Shirley Siefker

**Lector:** Jason Swartzlander

**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,  
Amanda Woolley

**Servers:** Derek Swartzlander, Courtney McLaughlin  
Jacob Granger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Sherry Heitmeyer

**Greeter-West Door:** Mel Heitmeyer

**Cantor:** Kevin Vance

**Ushers:** Mike Maag and Nick Marcum

**Lectors:** Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

**E.M.:** Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel, Cathy  
Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock, Candace  
Vance

**Servers:** Kaden Reneker, Josh and Nathan Meyer

## **Readings for May 14, 2017**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

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**The Finance Council** will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 o'clock, in the parish library.

**The annual Remembrance Dinner** for those who have lost a spouse will be Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 in the evening. Please remember to send your RSVP.

## Booneville Mission Trip

It's time to prepare for our annual mission trip to Booneville, Kentucky. We will leave on Friday, June 9, and return on Sunday, June 11. Twelve of us can go. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. The food donation board will be coming soon. The Family Promise week follows immediately so we may have two boards at the same time. Pace yourself!



**Our Annual Maintenance Day** will be Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m. until noon lunch (or sooner if we get done sooner). There will be some outside work and a major portion of inside work. Please sign up and help.



We want to expand and renew the leadership of our Family Promise team. We will have a meeting to explain what Family Promise is about, what is done on our part, and what we need. The roles can be big or small—fetch and return the air mattresses (This would be good with a pickup and some muscle!), coordinate the meals, tend to the schedule. Now that we have some experience, we have a better idea of how to divide the workload. If you have an inkling of interest, please come to a meeting on May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or call Bethany Barnhart 419-615-5833 to let her know of your interest.

**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, Carey, OH invites you to the first in a series of monthly devotions, "Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother". Rev. David Ross, pastor of St. Rose Parish, Lima will be the celebrant and homilist for Mass on Sunday, May 21, 12 noon. Devotions will follow at 2:30. For more information call 419-396-7107.

**Scholarships for Catholic Freshmen** at the University of Toledo. Corpus Christi University Parish will again be offering \$5,000 Christian Leadership Program Scholarships to twelve incoming Catholic freshmen at the University of Toledo. These students will also receive spiritual

formation, opportunities for community service, and leadership training. The 2017-2018 scholarship application is available online at [www.ccup.org/clp](http://www.ccup.org/clp) Please contact Kim Williams in the parish office for additional information: [kwilliams@ccup.org](mailto:kwilliams@ccup.org) or 419.531.4992.

**Next week**, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit: [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org).

## Catholic Charities Holds Understanding Poverty Workshop June 9

The Understanding Poverty Workshop will help you better identify poverty and improve your ability to effectively work with those struggling with poverty by:

1. Providing a Biblical understanding of Poverty and the effects it has on all people.
2. Helping you better understand the causes and influence of poverty from outside sources.
3. Teaching you how to systemically help people affected by poverty stabilize their lives.

To enroll, or for more information, contact Brian Rome by email: [brome@toledodiocese.org](mailto:brome@toledodiocese.org) or call (419) 214-4939 by June 1, 2017.

# P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

**K-6:** On Wednesday, May 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a Touching Safety program. If you have any questions, call Kelly at 419-358-8631.