

St. Mary's Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Dear parishioners,

These are hard readings today—hard to take. They speak about the sacrifice required in choosing to be a disciple.

Jeremiah was very young when God called him to be a prophet. He tried to get out of following the call to his vocation by telling God he was too young. God did not let him off the hook. Jeremiah suffered. People ridiculed him and even plotted to kill him. Jeremiah felt alone, abused, abandoned, and discouraged. In this reading he is crying out to God. In the end Jeremiah realizes that God's message is burning within him; he can't give up.

Paul tells us in the second reading if we choose to follow Jesus, our way of thinking will be very different from the society around us. It's part of the price of choosing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

In the gospel Peter is part of "the society around Jesus." When Jesus says he's going to be killed, Peter immediately and instinctively tells Jesus that can't be. Jesus knows that if he stays true to his course, he will be killed. He can read the signs. To avoid death would be to compromise the mission upon which the Father sent him. He needs to stay focused and to live with integrity. Peter wants to talk him out of it. He wants Jesus to take the painless way, and Jesus will not have it.

We might also stand alone in our position for love, forgiveness, justice, and compassion. It is tempting to take the painless way. Can we choose integrity?

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Bill and Azure Klausing on the baptism of their son Wyatt Joseph and welcome to the parish!

Congratulations to Nick and Jenna Kimmel on the baptism of their twin daughters Emerie Rose Ruth and Quinn Kaylynn.

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 2	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Murphy/Immele families
Sun Sept 3	10:00 a.m.	Sue Schlumbohm
Sat Sept 9	4:00 p.m.	Rhonda Staley
Sun Sept 10	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren

Communion Services

Wed Sept 6	10:30 a.m.	Hilty
Fri Sept 8	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,910.00	Loose	\$738.25
Children	\$40.36	Total	\$3,688.61

71 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Sept. 9 & 10, 2017

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Sabater

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

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

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker,
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock, and
Candace Vance

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for September 10, 2017

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

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Coffee and donuts Remember to plan to stay after the 10:00 o'clock Mass next Sunday, September 10, to join your fellow parishioners for the second-Sunday coffee and donuts. Get to know some folks you haven't met yet!



500th anniversary of the Reformation As part of this year of acknowledgement Bishop Thomas will be joining with Lutheran Bishop Beaudoin in a service of reconciliation on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 3:00 p.m., at St. Michael Church in Findlay. All are invited.



How to donate to Catholic Charities for Harvey Flood Relief:

- One is to give in today's collection.
- Two is by check with the notation for Harvey Flood Relief. Mail to the 1933 Spielbusch address.
- Three is by credit card and the directions are included here. Go to <http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/>

On the top bar, click on "Donate" and fill out your donation amount under "My Donation to Catholic Charities."

Click on "Add Donation/Payment to Cart"

Click on "Proceed to Checkout"

On the Donation/Payment Checkout page, fill in your billing details.

Under "Additional Information" in the order notes, indicate HURRICANE HARVEY.

Click on "Submit Donation/Payment"

Catholic Charities will send you a receipt for your donation.

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to attend two special events: Sunday, September 17 Latino Day and Sunday, September 24 Family Day. Both events offer a special Mass at noon and confessions prior to Mass. Benediction and prayers for healing with the Relic of the True Cross will follow an outdoor rosary procession at 2:30 pm. Look us up at www.olcshrine.com for more information or call 419-396-7107.

The new schedule for liturgical ministers starts this weekend. Please pick up your copy of the schedule from the main entrance if you have not already done so.

2017 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding

Anniversaries will be held at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 1, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: toledoanniversarymass.org, contact Marsha Rivas at 419-214-4938, or call your parish office. The registration deadline is September 15, 2017.

SUPPORT RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Are you interested in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious sisters and brothers? Please consider joining the Serra Club of the Lima Area, which is part of Serra International, the pre-eminent Catholic service organization dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Lima Serra Club meets twice a month on Thursday evenings for Mass, dinner, fellowship, and an informative program on diverse topics relating to the Church. Our first meeting this year is on September 14, 2017 at 5:45 p.m., and all are welcome to come and experience the Catholic fellowship of the Serra Club of Lima Area. For details and to R.S.V.P. for dinner, contact Douglas Daley at 419-227-9595.

P.R.E.P

We are looking for help with PREP classes. We are in need of an aide for 1st grade, a teacher for second grade, a teacher and aide for 3rd grade, an aide for 5th grade, and a teacher and aide for 6th grade. If you would like to help in any of these positions, please speak with Kelly Honse.

Registration forms for PREP are in the narthex.