

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:** Father Stan Benecki, Terrie Wurst, Mary Margaret Gerlach, Marion Morrison, Richard Justus, Frank Fusca, Rosie Crego, Jim Shroyer, John Holocher, Deacon Rick Martin, Pat Foley, Marianne Martin, Debbie Green Bryant, John Davis, Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Marilyn Greene, Christine Money, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Alan Wiseman, Ken Miller, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Greg Toczek and Alyssa Zag (SMM) May 26 at 1:30 p.m. Please pray for the happy married life of the couple!

### ***From the pastor...***

Ascension Thursday Sunday? Thursday, May 10, is the fortieth day after Easter, Ascension Day. However, for the last twenty years, many, now most, of the dioceses of the United States celebrate the Ascension on the seventh Sunday of Easter. Even now, many years later, it still causes confusion.

Why did we move the celebration of the Lord's Ascension to the forty-third day after Easter? I suspect because it was not a very well observed holy day of obligation and our bishops thought it best to move it to a day when a much greater number of people, especially working people, would be coming to Mass anyway, removing a possible occasion of sin! Our brother and sister Catholics to the north (Canada, not Michigan) had long since removed the obligation to attend Mass on Ascension Thursday, keeping the traditional day, but making it instead a "holy day of opportunity."

Is the Sunday celebration of the Ascension contrary to scripture? Not exactly. Only in Luke's Acts of the Apostles does the Ascension happen forty days after Easter. In Luke's Gospel, for example, it happens on Easter Sunday.

What is important, I think, is not *when* the Ascension happened, but rather *that* it happened. But remember, if you find yourself in the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, or Omaha on the fortieth day after Easter, it will be for you a holy day of obligation!

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

## **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

**Saturday, May 12 – Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. Vickie Maurer – Loretta & Don Schlegel

**Sunday, May 13 – The Ascension of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Rosa Fusca – Rosa Tavella

**Monday, May 14 – St. Matthais, apostle**

8:15 a.m. Ethel Fitzer – Dan & Steve Fitzer

7:00 p.m. Mass for Michael Hritsko

**Tuesday, May 15 – St. Isador**

8:15 a.m. Donato Grilli – Fred & Betty Kletrovets

**Thursday, May 17 – Easter Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Larry Jackson – Joe Gerardi & Family

**Friday, May 18 – St. John I, pope and martyr**

8:15 a.m. Jane Mitchell – Delores Quinn

**Saturday, May 19 – Vigil: Pentecost**

4:00 p.m. Albert Scales – Mary Smith

**Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Delores Harrison – Bea & Greg Smith

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

## **Liturgical Ministers Schedules**

**Servers for Weekday, May 14-18**

Cullen Dent & Conlan Dent

**Saturday, May 19 – 4:00 p.m.**

Servers: **Need Volunteers**

Readers: Roberta Lindner, Danny Hamilton

Greeters: Gloria Angelo, Tony Swaneck, Ken Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: \*John Hamilton, Shelly Hamilton, Gloria Angelo, Tamara Francone

**Sunday, May 20 – 9:00 a.m.**

Servers: Cade Dent, Cael Dent, Cullen Dent, Conlan Dent, Luis Villagran Abarca

Readers: Pat Foley, Julie Marmon

Greeters: Rick Schirtzinger, David Creighton, Patrick Stumpp, David Doane

Eucharistic Ministers: \*Dick Rammel, Cade Dent, Brian Montgomery, Jan Ries, Greg Smith, David Doane, Jamie Doane, Kathy Puccetti, Jim Stumpp

**Sunday, May 20 – 11:00 a.m.**

Servers: Tony Puccetti, Wesley Rowe

Readers: Alan Kaiser, Melanie Kaiser

Greeters: Joe Regan, Chuck Rowe, Joanne Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: \* Paul Puccetti, Karin Carrier, Jack Smith, Joe Regan, Tony Puccetti, Nancy Smith, Andrew Rowe, Charles Rowe, **Need Volunteer**

**Servers for Weekday, May 21**

Paul Martello, **Need Volunteer**

Counters: Foley, Moine, Miller, Kaiser

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Sunday, May 13**

No Bible Study

**Monday, May 14**

Eucharistic Holy Hour after 8:15 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

**Wednesday, May 16**

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, May 17**

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL

**Sunday, May 20**

Baptisms

<b>Parish and School Expense</b>	<b>May 5-6</b>
(net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	\$ 6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection –	
Number of Envelopes: <u>108</u>	\$ 5,847.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00
Children Sunday Collection –	
Number of Envelopes: <u>6</u>	\$ 5.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 43.00
Net	-\$ 621.00
Net Month-to-date	-\$ 621.00
Net Fiscal Year 2017-2018-to-date	+\$ 6,326.00

St. Vincent de Paul collection was \$125.00. THANK YOU!

**BAA:** Your gift to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign. We are off to a good start toward our parish goal of \$41,178.45. Thank you to those who have already made their pledge or one-time gift. To date, we have 12 pledges for \$1,371.00. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of given is too small. Also, remember that any amount received over the target amount will be returned to the parish.

**Terrie's surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers. While she is out, please call ahead before coming to the office to make sure Carol is here.** She sometimes has to leave the office for short periods. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. You can always call and leave a voice mail, which is checked throughout the day. **Reminder to send bulletin articles by Monday.** Cindy Oddi will do the bulletin on Monday afternoons.

**Due to a Diocesan Finance Meeting the Parish Office will be closed Thursday, May 17th.**

**Congratulations to Gavon Mobley and Abbey Stewart, who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday.**



**The Franciscans at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine,** Carey, OH, invites you to attend Mass the weekend of May 19-20. Fr. Jim Sichko will be celebrant/preacher at the 5:30 p.m. Mass (May 19) and 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Mass (May 20). Fr. Jim will be sharing his reflections on "Consolation." All are welcome!

**SMM Newsletter:** Please e-mail information about your organization or event to Darlene Whyte at [whyted800@att.net](mailto:whyted800@att.net) by **May 15** for the **May 26/27** issue of the SMM Newsletter. This issue will focus on happenings in May through August. Keep fellow parishioners updated so they can plan to contribute to and attend your meetings/events!

**Garden Club:** Warm weather has finally arrived, and so have the birds, bees, butterflies and weeds! The Garden Club's Spring cleanup/flower planting day will be Saturday, May 19th, from 9:00 a.m. until no later than noon. No membership or experience required, just a willingness to help. Please meet at the shed by the rectory driveway. Bring necessary tools and gloves or borrow ours. High school students can earn service hours. Older grade school children are welcome, but need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Questions? Call Karen Harrison at 614-878-0845 and leave name and phone number. Your call will be answered as soon as possible. See you there!

**Pentecost – Celebrate the Church's Birthday with Joy in the Holy Spirit!** Parishioners throughout our diocese are invited to join together to celebrate the joy of Pentecost at a Vigil Mass on May 19 at St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods, Columbus. Vigil starts at 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary, followed by contemporary praise and worship, Prayer Teams are available. Mass is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m., with Fr. Pat Toner as our celebrant. There will be a time of fellowship after Mass. This event is sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Renewal, which is under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through our liaison to the bishop, Fr. Dean Mathewson. For more information, please visit [www.ccrccolumbus.org](http://www.ccrccolumbus.org) or call 614-500-8178.