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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	September 25	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	September 26	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Dominic Esposito
Wednesday	September 27	Vincent de Paul, priest
	8:00 a.m.	Charles F. Mentrup
Thursday	September 28	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	September 29	Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels
	8:00 a.m.	Jim Ryan
Saturday	September 30	Jerome priest, doctor
	4:00 p.m.	Josephine Alexander
Sunday	October 1	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Community
	9:00 a.m.	Alice Hemelgarn
	10:30 a.m.	Alan Wenglikowski & Marine Bravo Company 1/6
	12:00 noon	Bob Schwab
	6:30 p.m.	Phyllis Deger

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Mark 9: 30-37



In today's Gospel the apostles are arguing over which one of them was the greatest. Jesus points out that if they to be the Best, be Number 1, they must serve the needs of others. In our society today there are many ways of looking at who is the Best, who is Number 1. I wonder how many use the criteria that Jesus used in answering the apostles?

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$9,858.50 (274 envelopes); children's offering \$29.00 (9 envelopes). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Please continue to use your offering envelopes. Only those using envelopes can be given a yearend statement.

PICK UP YOUR YEARLY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Your boxed envelopes are waiting to be picked up in the Parish Center behind the Church. They start Sunday, October 1, 2006 so you need them now. They are labeled and in alphabetical order. If you do not have envelopes you can sign-up at that time or by calling the parish office at 937-746-5404. **Remember** you can only get a yearend tax statement if you have and use your personal numbered envelopes.



IN OUR PARISH

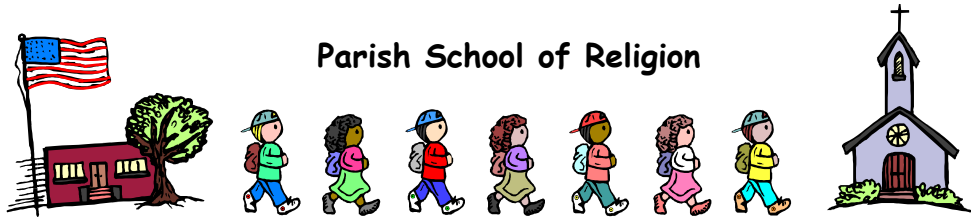
WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: Timothy Thanh Lam son of Tuan and Kwannet Lam; Andrew Jeffrey Crompton son of Michael and Leigh Crompton; and Dominic Patrick Renda son of Scott and Michelle Renda joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism on September 16 and 17.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	Sunday	Catechetical Sunday
	Monday	Basket Making (rescheduled) at 9:00 a.m.
	Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7 p.m.
	Thursday	Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
	Sunday	Youth Ministry at 7:00 p.m.



ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY? ARE YOU NEW PARENTS? If this is your first child and you would like to have them baptized soon, you are invited to a meeting Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Call the Office, 937-746-5404, for a reservation.

MORE LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED: With the addition of a sixth weekend Mass we are in need of more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Are you being called? There will be a training session on Sunday October 8 at 7:00 p.m. for both. Please consider serving your parish in this way.



Parish School of Religion

COOPERATIVE NURSERY DURING 9:00 A.M. MASS: St. Mary's Nursery is open during the 9 a.m. Mass. The purpose is to help guide a child from birth to know, love and serve Jesus Christ and to help equip the family in becoming life long committed Catholic Christians. The volunteer staff arrives around 8:45 a.m. It is available for infants and toddlers. Participating families are expected to volunteer every 4 to 6 weeks. The volunteer leader is Julie Hobbs.

“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” This question from Jesus to Peter is the theme of Catechetical Sunday, which we are celebrating today. It symbolizes the mission of the catechist to foster a true relationship with Jesus and answer, “You are Lord and Savior.” We are grateful to all those who have responded to the invitation to help our children “grow in age, wisdom and grace.” Please, pray for them in their commitment.

PSR IS OFF TO GROWING START. When the dust settles from all the late registration activity I will share some real numbers, but it appears we have experienced a 16% growth over last year. We have a time, space, and personnel crunch. I will be forming a parent/catechist advisory group to help look at and choose options to solve these problems.

THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR PEOPLE INQUIRING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Meetings for those inquiring about the Catholic Faith for the purpose of, possibly, becoming a member of the Catholic Community are convened this month on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Parish Center. Please, contact Tom Cox at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org to let him know you are coming.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH AND HELPING OTHERS TO BECOME CATHOLICS? We are looking for sponsors for those adults in the process of becoming Catholic. You need to be a practicing Catholic interested in growing in your faith and willing to spend some time getting to know and relating to potential new Catholics. To inquire about this contact Tom at 937-746-1406 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Collaboration between St. Mary and St. Augustine, Waynesville parishes should begin in the near future due to our Pastoral Region Plan being submitted to the Archdiocese. Tom Cox will assume temporary responsibility for the Youth Ministry until someone can be hired. Parish picnic plans were finalized. Only three nominees stepped forward for the open council positions so they will run unopposed. Our new website is up and running. Several commissions gave updates on their activities.

SIGN-UP TIME IS HERE to have our pictures taken! Beginning this weekend appointments are being set for portraits by Olan Mills for a new pictorial directory of our parish family. There are plenty of appointments from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. on October 23, 24, 25, 26 or November 2, 3 or Saturday November 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For the internet savvy there is a link on the website www.StMaryFranklin.org to set your appointment. Our coordinator Monica is looking for helpers to host the photo sessions and/or make phone calls. If you want to help call her at 937-748-3796.



BRING IT ON HOME St. Mary Ladies' Society is off and running! At our first meeting Vice President Carrie Becherer presented our slogan for this year, "Bring It On Home". Throughout the year we work hard on money making projects and then use the money to help others. This year we are concentrating our giving on our home area—The Food Pantry, whose shelves are so often near empty, and St. Vincent de Paul Society who is always in need of funds to provide basic needs for our neighbors. Our first big project is the Christmas Bazaar in November. We're going to need your support on this! Watch the bulletin for details!

SOME (So Others May Eat): Next weekend please bring shelf storable food (canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, etc.), baby supplies (food, formula-Similac & Isomil, baby wipes, etc.) and household supplies (toilet paper, laundry detergent, bath soap, etc.) to help stock the shelves of Franklin Area Community Services (FACS), 345 S. Main St., Franklin. We can also use plastic bags for repackaging of bulk supplies. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work at FACS, call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404 or Terry at FACS, 937-746-7791. Thank you for helping.



THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS: Think about those baskets you could hand make for gifts! The next class was rescheduled to Monday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. and they stay for lunch! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053.

DO YOU FIND YOURSELF UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE? If you are under stress or are facing personal problems there is help available for our parishioners through the Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. They provide counseling based on the belief that life's crises and transitions are best met by both the wisdom of religious teaching and the knowledge and skills of professional training. Their services are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. In addition, most insurance plans are accepted. Use of this service is strictly confidential and is available to parishioners of all ages. The Pastoral Counseling Center is located at 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Call 937-208-6606 for information or to make an appointment.



THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AT THE PICNIC. The following students were awesome in helping the children have fun at the parish picnic: Alex Adams, Sarah Ambach, Spencer Ambach, Bevan Duckett, Ben Gross, Clint Kohl, and Matt Kohl. Thank you **very much** for your service

FUN, FOOD, FUTURE! On Sunday, October 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m., there will be a meeting of the Youth Ministry Group or anyone interested in the Youth Ministry Group (high school age parishioners) to celebrate the past, to envision the future and to enjoy the present. We will have pizza and soft drinks and some prayer and conversation. **Call the Youth Ministry line, 937-746-8709 by Sunday at 4:00 p.m. to let us know you're coming so we can order enough refreshments**

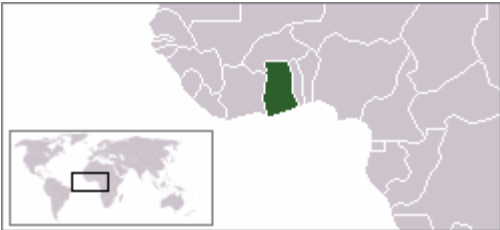
Welcome

If you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time we welcome you to our weekly celebration. We pray that you experience a friendly, prayerful environment and will visit us often.

If you are interested in learning more about our parish or wish to join our parish family please call 937-746-5404. or visit the Parish Office in the house **Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



SPECIAL MISSIONARY VISIT Fr. Vincent Antie, of the Diocese of Jasikan, Ghana in West Africa is visiting us this weekend. He is here to tell us of this 10 year old diocese that serves a population of farmers and fishermen in an area that lacks many basics such as good roads, potable water, adequate health care and phone service. The people can do little more than work to survive. The diocese depends on outside financial assistance to train lay leaders, educate seminarians as well as support the new diocese infrastructure. Ghana is a stable democratic nation able to provide for its people leaving the Church free to develop and evangelize. Please welcome Fr. Vincent and be generous in helping this growing area of the Church.



ST. MARY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC had a beautiful day and plenty of activity last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to dine in air conditioning or outside shaded by a canopy. Outside activities included: music, moon bounce, games for children and adults (Corn Hole) while inside there was the annual bingo with a wide variety of prizes. The 50/50 Raffle was won by Barb Weddington with the other half going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Fellowship was the essence of the day with new and old friendships abounding. Such a day takes plenty of people working together make a good time for all. We thank those who did the planning, lead by the Parish Pastoral Council members. So many came forward to offer needed expertise that to name them would be to miss someone. Thank you to those who worked and **thank you to those who came, without you there would be no picnic.** Those who didn't come missed a good time!



THE ST. MARY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul truck. Many of the household items donated were retained for our clients' needs. We still can use dishes, pots and pans and silverware to help some of our families set up their households. If you have any of these items, please contact Jane Flischel, 937-748-2163, to make arrangements to have your items picked up. The items on the truck go to the SVdP store in Dayton to be sold to generate funds for SVdP needs. Your help touches many people on our area. Thank you for your continued generosity.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

September 24-25	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	12 noon Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	L. Scheuermann Katelyn Thomas	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Isaac Brewster Taylor Lauricia	Taylor Schlachter Kyle Rote		Erica Reese Andrew Koslow Amanda Koslow
Eucharistic Ministers	Norm Pfeifer Jackie Pfeifer Bette Reznor Karen Streit	Larry Strimpfel Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield	Doug Schaaf Paul Schwab Gary Mathes Amy Mathes	Judy Beatty Judy Martin Richard Hobe Teresa Hobe		Jeff Rohde Ron Onderko Tom Adam Karen Adam
Lectors	Mark Givens	Cheryl Reichel	Pat Simpson	Walt Beatty	L. Wurzelbacher	Catherine Fagan
Gift Bearers	Ward Family		Guffey Family			

PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

Anointing of the Sick: Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

Communion to the Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Matrimony: Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

Baptism: Preparation is required before Baptism, preferable during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Lonnie Acree	937-748-2960	Andrea Dapkus	937-885-0487	Jackie Pfeifer	937-384-0282
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

BEYOND THE PARISH

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 the 2nd **Annual Patrick T. Gleason Memorial Golf Scramble** will take place at Heatherwoode. Pat was a parishioner whose sudden passing in January 2005 left a void in the community and in the hearts of those he loved. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The proceeds from this event will be donated to an education fund for Pat's sons. Sign up sheets are available by contacting Jerry Brewster (Jerry.Brewster@NCR.Com or 937-885-1521) or via the web at www.pack730.com/PatGleason/GolfMemorial.htm.

PET BLESSING: In celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi Holy Family Parish in Middletown will have a pet blessing Sunday October 1 at 1:30 p.m.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL to do for your anniversary, a birthday or the holidays? How about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—a private enrichment weekend open to all married couples. Next dates September 29-October 1 and November 3-5. For reservations or information call: Chuck and Carolyn 937-848-2731 or 800-547-1251 Code 00.

THE MIAMI VALLEY LIFE CHAIN will be Sunday October 1, at 2:00-3:30 p.m. Check website, <http://home.woh.rr.com/prayforlife> for more information.

MINISTRY EVENING AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY, Wednesday, October 18 will be held for men in their 20's, 30's or 40's who are interested in the priesthood. Those attending will learn what life is like as a seminarian and priest. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. To register, contact the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131 or over the internet at www.cincinnati vocations.org by Tuesday, October 17.

PRAYER 101 SERIES – The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford invites you to attend the second of its Prayer 101 Series *Conversational Prayer*, October 4. This evening program will be led by Al Cucchetti, the Center's Pastoral Life Coordinator. Come experience a way of praying that is simple, honest and spontaneous. For more information, call 513-248-3500, ext. 10.

IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREATS – Each year, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford sponsors 30 Ignatian Weekend Retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreats are silent, available for both men and women, and directed by Jesuits from around the country. They are held in one of two large retreat buildings situated on the Center's quiet 37-acre campus. If you would like more information, or to make a reservation, please call the Center at 513-248-3500, ext. 10.

Thought for today

If we want to be great we must serve others. How can you best serve others? You can make a difference with your life. (Mark 9:30-37)