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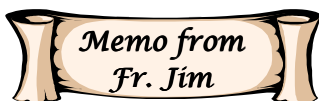
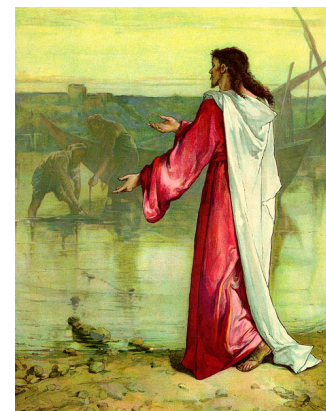
Office is open 8:30-4:30, Mon.-Fri.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

APRIL 22, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	April	23	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	April	24	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Charles F. Mentrup
Wednesday	April	25	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Jim Ryan
Thursday	April	26	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	April	27	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Saturday	April	28	Easter Weekday 4:00 p.m. Rev. Mr. Ed Pratt, in congratulations
Sunday	April	29	Fourth Sunday of Easter 7:30 a.m. St. Mary Community 9:00 a.m. Mary Tracy 10:30 a.m. Wojciechowski, Maye & Miller families 6:30 p.m. Bob Trantor



The first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI is entitled “Deus Caritas Est” which means “God is Love.” In this encyclical he says:

God has made himself visible: in Jesus we are able to see the Father. Indeed, God is visible in a number of ways. In the love-story recounted by the Bible, he comes toward us, he seeks to win our hearts, all the way to the Last Supper, to the piercing of his heart on the Cross, to his appearances after the Resurrection and to the great deeds by which, through the activity of the Apostles, he guided the nascent Church along its path...In the Church’s liturgy, in her prayer, in the living community of believers, we experience the love of God, we perceive his presence and we thus learn to recognize that presence in our daily lives.

How fitting that we have First Holy Communion in our parish during the Easter Season! As we pray for our children who will be receiving the Body and the Blood of Jesus for the first time, may all of us experience the Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the Breaking of the Bread.

IN OUR PARISH

CALLED HOME TO THE LORD: Roger Baker, husband of Nell Baker and father of Jackie Pfeifer, returned to our loving Father on April 10, 2007.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Basket Making at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	RCIA at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Baptism Class at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	Last PSR classes! Final Youth Night at 7:15 p.m.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$9,385.13 (252 envelopes); children's offering \$1.00 (1 envelope). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is very appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a statement of contributions.



DO YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED? If this is your first child and you want her/him baptized soon, come to a meeting Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Call Anne at 937-746-5404, for a reservation.



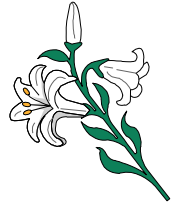
PSR IS COMING TO AN END FOR THE YEAR. Next week is our last week for PSR Classes. On our last day of classes there will be a celebration of the end of this school year's formal religious instruction; for the Pre-K and K at 8:45 a.m., for grades 1-4, and 6 a.m. at 10:00 a.m. and the grades 5-8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.** Let's finish strong and go into summer knowing we have worked together to pass our Faith and practices on to our children.

RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST NEXT WEEKEND. The following will receive their first Communion

- ✠ **Saturday 4:00 p.m.** Alexis Brewer, Tommy Glaser-Atkins, Allen Ledbetter, Bridgette Parkin.
- ✠ **Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Robert Hobbs, Lindsay Tomko
- ✠ **Sunday 10:30 a.m.** Mallory Jewson, Charles Kuhlbander, Emily Rau, Elizabeth Tranter

PARENTS OF PSR STUDENTS, YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED AS WE GROW! We need to expand the number of classes we have in order to keep the tradition of top quality catechesis. This requires a new look at how we use our resources of time, space, and personnel. Because some of our classes exceeded thirty students we stretched our personnel, the catechists, to the limits of their generosity. We need to look at time and space (as well as more catechists) to solve this problem. We cannot at this time build more space; so we need to see how we can use our space more efficiently and expand our time. A group of leaders from Parish Council, the Education Commission, catechists and parents have created some options. But before the decision is made we would like to have your thoughts about them. **Please, come to a meeting in the Hall in the Parish Center on Sunday, May 6, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass or about 11:30 a.m.** We will present the options and listen to your questions and opinions. These will be recorded and used in the decision-making process.

THANK YOU to our wonderful crew once again for making our church look so beautiful this Easter. We really appreciate the comments we have received. Your donations to the Flower Fund make this all possible.



God bless and thanks once again, Pat Quigley

ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE PARISH BULLETIN is available. If you own a business or service, or work for a business which you would like your fellow parishioners to know about; **get the word out** by advertising every week in the bulletin. Call the Parish Office at 937-746-5404 for pricing and help in designing your ad.

RCIA

REJOICE AND CONTINUE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST ADULT MEMBERS! At the Easter Vigil, the first celebration of the Risen Lord, we welcomed into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation nine adults who have been preparing over the past year. Thanks for your prayers, example and encouragement. Please, help them continue to become a part of our community.

WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT MIGHT FIND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY A PLACE TO BE AT HOME WITH GOD? Over the next few months we will be forming the next group of people interested in inquiring about the Church. If you know someone who could benefit from this, invite them to come and introduce them to Tom Cox.

PROBLEMS DON'T GO AWAY JUST BECAUSE THE SUN SHINES. We are headed for nice weather but if you are under stress or are facing personal problems you need to know 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.



UNSEEN BUT VALUED HELP: Every Friday morning a small group of men gather and help with cleaning and maintenance of the all the parish buildings and grounds. They have a few coffee breaks but when they tackle a job it gets done. They can always use more help. Any questions call the office at 937-746-5404.

A REMINDER: If you have not made your gift to the Archdiocesan Fund, "Nourish the Roots of your Faith", we invite you to do so now. **Every gift is important. No gift is too small.** Our Parish has reached our dollar goal but only 19% of our registered families have stepped forward to achieve this goal. Please take this opportunity to support the educational and social services of the Archdiocese which benefit all of us in many ways. We need to have **parish-wide** support.

Youth Update

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION! PIZZA, POP, BOWLING, MOVIE! Next Sunday, April 29 we will gather at Strike Zone (on SR 73, West of I-75) at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship of young members of St. Mary from many different schools. All from the Eighth Grade through H.S. Seniors are welcome. Reservations are needed by **Wednesday, April 25**. Contact Youth Ministry at 937 746-8709 or Tom at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: We continue to help feed the hungry in our own community and enjoy one another's company on the first Wednesday of every month. Come and join us Wednesday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY Five people have applied for the position of Youth Minister. The process continues. Watch the bulletin for future announcements and summer events.



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION in Covington, KY will host the May Festival Chorus and May Festival Youth Chorus with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. The beautiful and ornate Basilica is a spectacular sight and the beautiful music being presented will highlight the Basilica's ethereal acoustics. This concert is always a sellout. Parking is very limited so going by bus is the best way. For more information call Bette at 937-746-7056.



Ticket price is \$27.00, Bus fare is \$11.00, Total is **\$38.00**

Deadline for payment is April 25

Please make checks payable to Bette Reznor and drop them in the collection basket.

There is room for 47 people on the bus!!!!

THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS: The next class will be Monday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053

2007 FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM FUND RAISER:

Berns Gift Card from Fenwick 2007 After Prom Committee: \$20

Purchase of Mother's Day Present: \$20 Berns' Gift Card

Helping Raise Money for the 2007 Fenwick AfterProm: Free

Seeing the look on Mom's Face when she receives her gift from Bern's: Priceless

Don't know what to get Mom for her special day. Use these cards as an easy gift or use them to purchase the perfect present. Don't forget your own flower beds while you are at it!!!!!! Good for any Garden Center purchase, landscaping services excluded. Berns is located at 825 Greentree Rd., Middletown or visit www.bernsgardencenter.com. The cards will be for sale after Masses this weekend. If you forgot or didn't see where they were available, contact Mary Steed at 937-746-6571 or at mlsteed@earthlink.net.

WERE YOU MARRIED IN THE CHURCH? For a wide variety of reasons there are couples in our parish or among our families and friends who were not married in the church. You may wonder if you can bring your marriage to the church to receive the sacrament and the grace to continue your vocation as married Catholics. For many the process is short and quick, just make arrangements and repeat your vows witnessed by a priest or deacon. What a wonderful anniversary present to each other. Others may have the complication of a previous marriage. Seeking a declaration of nullity can be a freeing experience. It does not question the legality of the previous marriage which is understood. It could be much easier than you imagine. If you have questions about bringing your marriage into the church call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404 with your questions and concerns.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

April 28-29	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Maggie Bangert Arizona Craycraft	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf	Tommy Carter Taylor Lauricia	Taylor Schlachter Joshua Plandowski	Jenna Onderko Kelsie Onderko
Eucharistic Ministers	Darlene Ambach Doug Ambach Mark Cable Joe Borosic	Mike Hutchinson Susan Marine Larry Strimpfel	Tom Adams Karen Adams Carolyn Cusumano Angelica Fish	Teresa Knapke Bob Matson Betty Mueller Tina Rychlewski	Debra Kapolka Ron Onderko Kendra O'Brien
Lectors	Melanie Ledbetter	Paul Puffenberger	Pat Simpson	Walt Beatty	Karen Koslow
Gift Bearers	1 st Comm	Duckett	1 st Comm	1 st Comm	Onderko

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 office to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: available at announced Reconciliation Services; on Saturday 3:00 p.m. during Lent.

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

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

Religious Vocations: Check www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

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	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

BEYOND THE PARISH

THEOLOGY ON TAP! Real Talk, Straight

Answers. The *Dayton series* is at the Oregon Express, 336 E. 5th St. Every Thursday through May 17. The *Cincinnati series* begins April 19 and continues every Thursday night through May 24 at the Ticket Sports Cafe 100 W. 6th St. in Covington, across from Mother of God Church (where you can park). The times are 7-9 p.m. in both locations. Come make new friends through faith-filled and thought provoking conversation in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. For more information check out totdayton.wordpress.com for the Dayton topic/speaker schedule, or check out www.totcincinnati.org for the Cincinnati schedule.

A GROWING NUMBER of family caregivers look to the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Social Services for support groups. Volunteer facilitators are urgently needed to work with the groups. Training is provided. Contact Gene McClory at 513-241-7745. ext. 533

BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL is looking for new students to join its Falcon Force Marching Band for the 2007-08 season. The Band is open to all Bishop Fenwick students. Eighth graders can participate as a kick-start into high school. Students must have experience on their instrument. Those interested in the color guard do not need prior experience. Please attend our annual Kick-off meeting on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Fenwick Cafetorium. Contact Jason Umberg at Jumberg@bfhs.schoolone.com or 513-423-0723 ext. 235 with questions.

CATHOLICS WITH CROSS CULTURAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE ARE NEEDED.

Over 200 Catholic lay missionary/volunteer organizations are looking for volunteers between 18-75 years of age to work short or long term in the United States or overseas. Potential lay missionary/volunteers should contact **Dr. Mike Gable** or **Teresa Phillips** at the Mission Office, 513-421-3131, for advice, contacts, ideas and discernment. Additional information and mission options are available at www.CNVS.org or mission@catholiccincinnati.org

Thought for today

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live.
(John 21:1-19)