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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

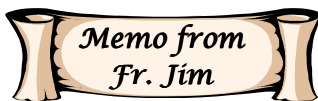
APRIL 29, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	April	30	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	May	1	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Charles F. Mentrup
Wednesday	May	2	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Jim Ryan
Thursday	May	3	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	May	4	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Saturday	May	5	Easter Weekday 4:00 p.m. Rev. Mr. Ed Pratt, in congratulations
Sunday	May	6	Fifth 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



MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, I KNOW THEM AND THEY FOLLOW ME. JN 10: 27-30



Beginning this weekend and for the next month we will be having First Holy Communion with our children in the parish. Up to this time in their lives they have been watching their parents and us receive Holy Communion. Now they are no longer spectators but participants in the Eucharistic Meal.

In a Holy Thursday reflection on the Eucharist in the year 2003, Pope John Paul II states that he would like to enhance "EUCHARIST AMAZEMENT". To quote the Holy Father: "By the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the church was born and set out upon the pathways of the world, yet a decisive moment in her taking shape was certainly the Institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room. The thought of this leads to a profound amazement and gratitude. In the paschal event and the Eucharist that makes it present throughout the centuries, there is a truly enormous Eucharistic Amazement. How could I not feel the need to urge everyone to experience it anew?"

First Holy Communion is not just a major event in the lives of our children receiving the Body and the Blood of Christ for the first time. It is also a major event in the life of our parish family.

May the Eucharistic Meal be a sign of our togetherness and enhance the togetherness that we already share as a parish family!

IN OUR PARISH

MAY GOD BLESS Jennifer Werle and Mark Hogan, as they exchange their solemn marriage vows on April 21, 2007.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Last PSR classes! Final Youth Night at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Youth at Pantry at 5:00 p.m. RCIA at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Church Cleaning at 8:30 a.m.
Saturday	St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday	Baccalaureate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Monthly food collection for Food Pantry

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$8,822.00 (235 envelopes); children's offering \$4.00 (4 envelopes) and Catholic Relief Services special collection \$1,430 (78 envelopes). **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.



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 and introduce them to Tom Cox.



PSR IS COMING TO AN END FOR THE YEAR. This week is our last week for PSR Classes. Sunday morning there will be a celebration of the end of the formal religious instruction; for the Pre-K and K at 8:45 a.m., for the grades 1-4, and 6 at 10:00 a.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.** Griffin Brown, Jaclyn Pancake, Jason Serrer, and Victoria Stewart
 † **Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Mia Mantia

PARENTS OF PSR STUDENTS, YOUR OPINION 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 their 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 next 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.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP sends out sincere **thanks** to the entire parish for all of their help with the Fish Frys and contributions to the SVdP truck.

The Fish Frys netted \$3,500. Leftover food and supplies were given to the Inter-faith Hospitality Network of Warren County and to Hope House in Middletown. E-heap (Duke Energy's program to keep heat on in the cold months) has ended therefore we have many families now facing utility cutoffs. SVdP also helped with rent and water bills; and parishioners needing assistance.

The SVdP store thanks our parish for the "awesome, fantastic goods that you put on the truck". Some things were kept for our clients' use. An ironing board with a new cover was a gift to one of our clients. The truck will be back at the parish in late summer. Please continue to save your useable items.

This Weekend, April 28 and 29 is a fifth Sunday collection. We have a little over \$200. We try to use your money wisely and there is never enough money to help all who are in need in our area. We thank you for remembering SVdP in the special collection.

We meet the first and third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Next meeting Saturday, May 5. Everyone is invited to attend and we are in need of new members. Thank you for helping the needy in the Franklin, Springboro and Carlisle area.



THE GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS: This long-standing tradition of St. Mary Parish will be celebrated with a lovely brunch in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, May 20**, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It's a great opportunity for all the ladies of St. Mary (from little girls to senior women) to gather together for good food and friendship. **Ladies, we are ALL daughters.** Some of us are Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-in-Law, Aunts, Nieces, Granddaughters, Cousins, and Friends. But we are ALL daughters!!! There is NO CHARGE for this beautiful brunch, but (for planning purposes) you DO need a ticket to attend. Tickets will be available outside church after Masses on May 5-6 and May 12-13. So, Ladies, call your favorite lady or come alone and attend this wonderful event!



SOME (So Others May Eat): Next weekend please bring shelf storable food (canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, 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 your help each month.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION! PIZZA, POP, BOWLING, MOVIE! This Sunday evening, 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. If you have not yet reserved your space, see Tom Cox or contact him at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org before noon Sunday.

COME! MEMBERS OF ST. MARY WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TO A BACCALAUREATE MASS. Next Sunday, May 6, 2007 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass we would like to recognize your achievement, encourage you in your new direction and offer you a Blessing. Please, come with your family to this celebration.

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.

FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY More 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 30

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

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

LAST CALL!!!! 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.

HURRY, THESE CARDS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE END OF APRIL.

Please contact Mary Steed at 937-746-6571 or at mlsteed@earthlink.net.

REMEMBER THE FUN YOU HAD AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LAST SUMMER! Save the Dates:



July 30-August 3, 2007. Registration will take place June 16 through July 15, 2007. Watch the bulletin for further details to learn how to join **SonForce Kids**. Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure. **SonForce Kids**, courageous kids on a mission for God! We need adults and teens to help make this a fun, faith nurturing event. If interested contact Tom at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org

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.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

May 5-6	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	Allison Moore	Nicholas Mathes Carrie Mathes	Hunter Cone Kyle Kennedy	Nick Barker Jessica Barker
Eucharistic Ministers	Norm Pfeifer Mark Cable Ashley Calvert Joe Borosic	Diane Kinsworthy Regina Gogol Mark Dietsch	Gary Mathes Amy Mathes Pat Brazie AM Brewster	Judy Martin Richard Hobe Teresa Hobe Marge Braun	Debra Kapolka Ron Onderko Kendra O'Brien Debbie Fish
Lectors	Lynn Wurzelbacher	George Gogol	Sal Cusumano	Walt Beatty	Gary Beall
Gift Bearers	1 st Comm	Ramps	1 st Comm		Duckett

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

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

BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL welcomes the families of all current 6th and 7th graders to our 2007 Showcase on Wednesday, May 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. Come visit our campus, talk with members of the faculty, and meet new friends. Enjoy some refreshments and learn more about life at Fenwick. Win one of many door prizes! Please, RSVP by calling 513-727-1500.

HIGH SCHOOL AGE MEN: If you have ever thought about being a priest, it's time to think about it again. Come to a Discernment Day for High School Men, Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. You will have time to pray and reflect on what vocation Christ may have in store for you. During this retreat you will become more familiar with the priesthood and the discernment process. You will hear seminarians talk about their own call to the priesthood and get your questions answered. Also, parents are invited to a special session for them beginning at 3:00 p.m. The day will end with a cookout at 5:00 p.m. for more information and to make you reservation call Fr. Kyle Schnippel at 513-421-3131 or check www.concinnativocations.org/frm05122007.php.

Thought for today

Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church.
(Acts 13:14, 43-52)