

# ST. MARY CHURCH

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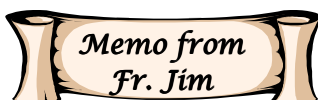
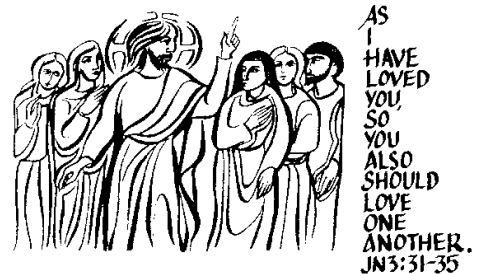
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

MAY 6, 2007

### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	May	7	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	May	8	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Jim Ryan
Wednesday	May	9	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. The deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Thursday	May	10	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	May	11	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Terry Sack
Saturday	May	12	Easter Weekday 4:00 p.m. Roger Baker
Sunday	May	13	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 7:30 a.m. Gene Serena 9:00 a.m. Clarence Bittner 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Community 6:30 p.m. John Tracy



On the nine days preceding the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, we will be having a NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT here in our parish.

What is a Novena? Deriving from the Latin word “noven” meaning “nine,” a novena is a devotion consisting of prayer for nine straight days in which the faithful ask God for special graces.

The practice of saying novenas is derived from Scripture. After Jesus’ Ascension into heaven, he told his disciples to pray together and devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). The Apostles, Blessed Virgin Mary, and other followers of Jesus prayed together for nine consecutive days, and they were rewarded with a truly amazing miracle: the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The purpose of this novena is to pray our way through this transition in the life of our parish family and entrust our future to the Holy Spirit. We are moving into deeper waters.

Rich Hobbs, a deacon candidate from our parish, will be explaining this novena to us more fully on Mother’s Day Weekend. Beginning on May 18 and for nine straight days we will be having a weekday Mass with two Masses and confessions on Wednesday, May 23.

On the weekend of May 12-13 parishioners during Mass will be asked to fill out prayer commitment cards that will be placed in front of the altar during the novena as we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost.

“Come, Holy Spirit, lead us into our future.” Give us the vision to know what we must do to proactively make our future your reality. Help us be agents, not victims, of the changes that surround us.

# IN OUR PARISH

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MET** on April 23. Father Jim was welcomed as the newly appointed pastor. He presented a letter to be mailed to all parishioners. He wants the parish commissions, resulting from the ISPD study, to become active. The search for a Youth Minister is approaching the interview stage. The parish surpassed the goal set for the Archdiocesan Annual Fund drive but the percentage of participation is low. A task force is looking at options to expand the Parish School of Religion to meet the growing demand. Space is an issue for the music ministry. Parish directories should be delivered soon. The annual parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 16. St. Mary will sell 50 tickets for the Dayton Dragons game on July 3. Council elections will be in September and three seats are open.

<b>ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK</b>	Sunday	<b>Baccalaureate Mass</b> at 10:30 a.m. <b>Future PSR Planning</b> at 11:30 a.m. <b>Monthly food collection for Food Pantry</b>
	Tuesday	<b>Parkinson Support Group</b> at 1:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	<b>RCIA</b> at 7:00 p.m.
	Thursday	<b>Square Dancing</b> at 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	<b>Men's Group</b> at 7:00 a.m.
	Sunday	<b>Mother's Day</b>

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:** The collection last weekend was \$9,980 (256 envelopes); children's offering \$1.05 (3 envelopes) and fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul, \$5,063.20 (139 envelopes) plus a Kroger gift card. **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.

**BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AGAIN.** We are gathering for three more sessions before taking a break for the summer. **Would you like to look more deeply at the readings from the Sunday Liturgy of the Word? What is God saying to you?** A group is meeting on three Thursdays, May 17 and 31 and June 14 to delve more deeply into the Sunday readings. All are welcome, no pre-requisites. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m. Contact Tom At 937-746-1404 or [tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org](mailto:tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org) if you have any questions.



**LADIES! It's a time-honored tradition at St. Mary Parish...**

## THE GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS

This beautiful brunch to honor ALL the ladies of St. Mary (from little girls to the oldest grandmother) will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 20. We all may not be mothers, but we are ALL daughters. This is a wonderful time of good food and friendship. Bring your Mom, your Grandmother, your Aunts, Nieces, Cousins, and Friends, or just bring yourself. You will be in fine company! Remember, there is no charge for this event, but you DO need a ticket. Ladies will be outside church with tickets after all Masses this week-end and next week-end. Pick up your ticket and plan to attend!



## Parish School of Religion

**PSR IS OVER FOR THIS YEAR.**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT WORK, ESPECIALLY THE CATECHISTS & AIDES.**

These people offered their time and talent to assist the parents of our young parishioners to learn and be formed in their Faith:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Aide</u>
Pre-K	Jenny Zender and Amy Stumpf	Karon Remillard
K	Shiela Hurst	Aubrey Hurst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kim Schmidlin	Monica Downs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Hecht	Julie Janning and Doug Schaaf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melissa Ledford	Vickie Rohde
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jodi Schaaf	Eileen Avellano
5 <sup>th</sup>	Deb Covey	Matt Steed
6 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Werling ,and Jerry & Darrilyn Brewster	Mark Nenninger
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jim DeGraaf	John Sillies
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dion Duckett, Connie O'Neill, Yvonne Reese, Barb Weddington, and Chad Pfoutz & Melissa Diemunsch	

We owe these people a great deal of gratitude for responding to God's call to help "spread the Good News" to our children, **Thank You!**

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

- ✠ **Saturday 4:00 p.m.** Lauren Hecht, Morgan Hillis, Elena Mahle, Tristano Manzo, and Nate Matson
- ✠ **Sunday 10:30 a.m.** Logan Gentry, Madison McKay Bradds, and Emily Schwinghamer

**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; Is God Calling you?**) 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 this 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.



**COME! MEMBERS OF ST. MARY WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TO A MASS WITH A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR GRADUATES.**

**This 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.

**FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY** The process for hiring a Youth Minister continues. We will be interviewing candidates this month. Watch the bulletin for future announcements and summer events.



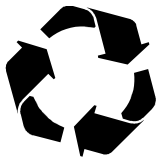
**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected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



**PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS** continue to meet every Saturday morning at around 9:30 a.m. at the Community Park on SR 123 (Sixth St.) for very friendly and easy going tennis games. It helps if you have a tennis racket but we often have extras. All are welcome to join us. Further info, leave a message at 937 626 2600 or email [stmarytennis@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarytennis@yahoo.com).

**THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet May 8, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Center. The video “Managing Parkinson’s: Straight Talk and Honest Hope” produced by the American Parkinson Disease Association, brings together doctors, patients and other Parkinson’s experts. Of special interest are the interviews with people diagnosed with PD, and their realistic outlook on life. There will be time for discussion and interaction throughout the presentation. The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons with Parkinson Disease, their care partners and those interested in learning about PD are invited to attend. The Center is handicap accessible. For information, call Rose Wurst, RN, BSW, at 937-748-4768.

**RECYCLE TODAY! Empty inkjet cartridges.** There is collection box in the Parish Hall for recyclable inkjet cartridges (no Epson, laser or already recycled cartridges).



There are two recycling dumpsters in the parking lot: for **newspapers** and **aluminum cans**. There is a giant soup can waiting for **Campbell’s Labels for Education** in the Parish Center. **RULES HAVE CHANGED:** the front panel is no longer accepted; clip the UPC with “Label for Education” logo. Proceeds from these go to the PSR. Recycling your trash helps the environment while helping our youth.

**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](mailto: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 12-13	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Servers</b>	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Alex Adams Maggie Adams	Amanda Everts Michelle Plandowski	Andrew Koslow Amanda Koslow
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Karen Streit Pat Bosway Betty Reznor Sandi Traud	Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield Tim Cable	Tom Adams Karen Adams Ken Fish Debbie Fish	Teresa Knapke Bob Matson Betty Mueller Tina Rychlewski	Jeff Rohde Karen Schriml Carlos Yopez Diane Kinsworthy
<b>Lectors</b>	Mark Haenni	Mike Hutchinson	Dan Fedders	Joe Couture	Jeff Gross
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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Jumberg@bfhs.schoolone.com) or 513-423-0723 ext. 235 with questions.

**ADOPTION** can expand your family and your life. Catholic Social Services of SW Ohio needs families interested in adopting African American and biracial infants. An informational meeting is scheduled for May 9 at Corpus Christi Church, 2014 Springdale Rd., Cincinnati. Call Laura Varin at 513-241-7745 to register.

**BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2007** Summer Camp information for grades K through 8 is now available on their website at [www.falcons.org](http://www.falcons.org). Camps are limited, so early registration is recommended. For information contact Judy Robertson at 513-723-0724.

**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](http://www.concinnativocations.org/frm05122007.php).

**“I’M GOING TO STOP YELLING, it doesn’t do any good.”** But you don’t stop. Join a one session program *Better Than Yelling* which is designed to decrease yelling and to develop a more satisfying relationship with your child on May 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Church, 2014 Springdale Rd., Cincinnati. The fee is \$15 per person. Call Sandra Keiser at 513-241-7745 for information and to register.

### Thought for today

God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal His presence.  
(Revelations 21:1-5)