

## Liturgy Schedule

8:30 **Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday**

**Monday, May 7 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Nancy Mannino

**Tuesday, May 8 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Members of the Basiewicz Family

**Wednesday, May 9 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Edward and Mary Malinowski

**Thursday, May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest**

8:00 Stetzy & Neptune Families

**Friday, May 11 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Dolores Johnson (anniv)

**Saturday, May 12 Easter Weekday**

3:15 Confession

4:00 Confirmation

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

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Frank & Henrietta Pelletiere

12:00 Vivian Taormina & Josephine DeFini



the following members of our Parish community: **Tammy Sambor, Jim Trostle, Laurie Scholle, Lori Shaw, Bob Dorazewski, Baby Corradi, Lisa Thomas, Emma Welich, Karen Wheeler, Mary Dowling, Marge Konkowski, Richard Movens, Irene Burke, Bob Rafal, Kathy Zarzycki, Joan Hrovat, Jack Pekar, Bill Exton, Dolores Nose, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, Robert Phipps, Marie DiCola, Joann Reddinger, Baby Ryan Martin, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the Parish office for more information. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.**



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Richard Horvath Sr.** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

## Wedding Banns

I Brandon Wise & Krysta Roberts

### Religion Question of the Week

What is another name for the Ten Commandments?

### Did You Know?

Did you know there are twenty Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland?

### One Liner

“The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the wrong time”.

Answer to the Religion question of the week located on page 4 of this bulletin, under the collections.

### St. Monica Improvement Fund

The St. Monica Improvement Fund was established about ten years ago. Its purpose is to set up a special fund for Capital Repairs and Maintenance for our parish buildings and grounds. To date our parish has spent over \$500,000 from this fund for these purposes. Please continue to use the monthly “golden envelope” in your packet to donate to this fund. It is a great help to St. Monica Church.

### LADIES GUILD CARNATION SALE

Next weekend May 12th & 13th the Ladies Guild will be selling carnations before and after all Masses in honor of Mother's Day. The cost is \$1.00 per flower. It will be a wonderful way to honor your mother.



May Pre-Baptism Class for Parents. May 14: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith. This class meets Sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please check with your parish to make arrangements for baptism. Cost: \$20/couple. Offered at Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian: **Madison Gabriella Titus** and her family.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration

at The Cathedral Of St. John The Evangelist. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years. Couples celebrating other significant anniv. (55 or over ) or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. **The celebration will take place on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm Mass. Deadline is Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms available at the Parish Office.**



## Pastoral Scene

### Growing in Gratitude

One of my favorite songs is 'Song of Thanksgiving' by the Darryl Ducote:

"Love that's freely given wants to freely be received.  
All the love You've poured on us can hardly be believed.  
And all that we can offer You is thanks.  
All that we can offer You is thanks."

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When we think about it, the words of that song are very humbling. After all God does in our lives, after all the gifts we're given day in and day out – the only thing we can truly give back is our gratitude. When someone gives us a present at Christmas (or another occasion), many times we not only say "thank you," but we try in some fashion to reciprocate. We rarely just let the action go by without acknowledgement and a reactive response. But how often do we mindfully thank God for the blessings of the day – which are far greater than anything else?

We all have the propensity to get mired in the stuff of life – and in that it's not too difficult to become forgetful or unmindful. The precept we always need to keep in the forefront of our consciousness is that of God's abundant goodness, generosity, and love. Voicing our gratitude to God in prayer and making a concerted effort to publically acknowledge his generosity when the opportunity presents itself should be a primary facet of our daily lives.

It's fairly easy to give thanks and praise while we attend Mass on Sunday, but how often do we say a heartfelt "Thank You" when we sit down for a meal, especially in a public forum? God's not ashamed to feed us, so why are we ashamed to make the Sign of the Cross in a restaurant? How often do we take a moment to give thanks when we receive our paychecks from work, which covers our mortgages and other vital needs? (With that, we can take a moment to pray for those who are unemployed or under-employed.) How often do we thank God for our skills and talents? Finally, how often do we thank God for the gifts of family and friends?

The attitude of gratefulness comes from being mindful of our station in this vast universe with respect to our relationship others and especially to the One who created all things. And yet in all of that greatness and awesomeness and majesty and power he knows each of us by name, embraces each of us in his mercy and forgiveness, and loves each of us unconditionally.

-Bob Soeder

### Attention St. Monica Graduation class of 1969

2019 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> year that our class graduated from St. Monica School. To commemorate this event, I am seeking any of my fellow students that would be interested in forming a committee to plan a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

If you are interested, please contact me, Rock Palsalacqua at 330-241-0170 or you can Email me at [rknpass06@frontier.com](mailto:rknpass06@frontier.com)



There will be a pilgrimage and retreat to EWTN in Irondale, Alabama and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Ala-

bama June 4th-8th. Double occupancy \$595.00-includes transportation, lodging, and all meals in Alabama. For booking and more information call Mrs. Rose Mercurio at 1-234-571-4478.



Come celebrate with us! AM 1260 The Rock is celebrating the third anniversary of our first day on the air. The Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Conversion of St. Paul

Shrine, 4120 Euclid Ave. Cleveland. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the main celebrant for this mass and Fr. Douglas Brown, pastor at Mary Queen of Peace and chaplain of AM 1260 The Rock, will be concelebrating. We hope you join us as we give thanks for three years of God's blessings upon AM 1260 The Rock and as we pray for the intentions of our listeners and benefactors.

### FREE Resume Review, Job Search Help, and Career Consulting Services

Do you feel like you are not fully utilizing the gifts with which God has bestowed to you? ...then stop by the parish office on Monday, April 23rd, May 7th, 13th or 20th between 5:30 -7 p.m. for free career consulting services. Bring your old resume if you have one! For more info, contact Victoria Fassinger (216) 475-2963; [writerswithspark@gmail.com](mailto:writerswithspark@gmail.com)

### Standing For Your Faith

As our American culture continues to change in its response to religious values, we should be aware of what is happening. Our news media, government, and college campuses are filled persons who espouse secular values. They consider Christianity an enemy to our American way of life. They even accuse Christians of "hate crimes" because we don't accept their "moral values". Their "gods" are public opinion and political correctness.

We should never be afraid to confront those who attack our Catholic Faith. When we are called upon to stand up for our Faith, remember that Jesus told us that it would be the Holy Spirit who would guide us through this conversation. Don't treat those you are talking to as enemies. Be sincere in your explanation of your beliefs. Trust that God is at work through you. And remember Jesus didn't win every battle, but He did win the war. You are on the right side.





## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 28th / April 29th

Regular Sunday	\$6,285.00
St. Monica Fund	\$208.00
Children's Envelopes	\$17.00
Home Missions	\$686.00

*"Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world."*

- Pope Francis



### Answer To This Week's Religion Question

What is another name for the Ten Commandments?

**Answer:** In the Jewish religion the Ten Commandments are called "the Decalogue".

*To help build an endowment fund, please consider remembering St. Monica Church in your Will.*

**Gift Cards** are on sale after all Masses this weekend in the **Altar Server's Sacristy**. Pick-up gift cards for Mother's Day giving. Gift cards can also be purchased at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support.



# lifeworks

Students in the seventh and eighth grade recently participated in the LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Art and Essay Contest. We are pleased to announce that Dakota Kinney and Jamani Merriweather were winners in the contest. Dakota was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her essay and Jamani was awarded Honorable Mention for her essay. We congratulate all students who participated in this contest.

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, May 7

- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 5:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 8:00 Holy Name Mtg (c)

### TUESDAY, May 8

- 2:00 Senior Mtg (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Study (F)
- 6:30 Baptism Class
- 6:30 PTU Mtg (c)
- 6:45 Boy Scouts (AR)

### WEDNESDAY, May 9

- 12:00 Tai Chi (J)
- 2:40 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 5:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)

### THURSDAY, May 10

- 2:40 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Athletic Board Mtg (F)

### FRIDAY, May 11

- 2:30 End of the Year Celebration (g)

### SATURDAY, May 12

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)
- 1:00 Private Party (p)

### SUNDAY, May 13

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## Blossoming Into Health, Wellness & Fitness

### SQUARE DANCE

Are you ready to Do-si-do? How about Promenade home? Not sure what this is about? That's OK too! Grab a partner, come alone and we'll try to pair you up, or get your whole square (4 couples) together! Square Dancing lessons begin on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 in the school gym. They will continue every Tuesday for 6 weeks. Total cost is \$25.00 per couple or \$13.00 single. Come on out and let's have a great time with Caller Rex! Questions or to register, call the Parish Office.

## Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</b> Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</b> Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20



Travel back in time and discover pearls of ancient wisdom in Catholic history with AM 1260 The Rock's new program "Time Travel: At the Speed of Christ's Light." Join author James Hogan and host Dick Russ and realize that Catholic history is not boring- it's fascinating! Beginning in May, tune in every Saturday at 4:00 pm at AM 1260 The Rock or online at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com).

**Ignatian Currents - Praying with Ignatius: Breathing into the Examen and the Prayer of Imagination. May 18-19. Presented by Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ. Experience the Examen and Prayer of Imagination in new and different ways. Each session will include input from Fr. Michael, a prayer experience, time for journaling, small group sharing and large group session. This program is more in the style of a retreat than a workshop; if you have a journal, please consider bringing it. Cost varies. Offered at Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).**

