

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

8:00 Albert Pokorny

Tuesday May 30 Easter Weekday

8:00 All Souls

7:00 8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Marie Adams

Thursday, June 1 Saint Justin , Martyr

8:00 Donald Shelley

First Friday, June 2 Easter Weekday

8:00 Frank Shipta

**First Saturday, June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga
and Companions, Martyrs**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Pozderac Family

Sunday, June 4 Pentecost Sunday

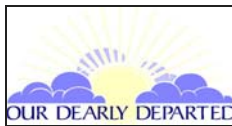
8:00 Robert Gregg

10:00 Richard Budzinski

12:00 People of the Parish (Confirmation)



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Adam Travis, Ken Hustack, Mary Harter, Don Dahlhausen, Mary Harter, Larry Piechowiak, John Halasz, Trista McConaha, Tyler McConaha, JoAnn Reddinger, Nick Liotta, Marie, Robin Pretzlaff, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, Stephen Rapsik, 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 **Therese Grimshaw and Diane Metro** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christians: **Frances Harper Lee and her family.**

Wedding Banns

I Katelyn Rimmel & John Severance

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:00am.



Religion Question of the Week

How many Deacons were in the original ordination class that is found in the Acts of the Apostles?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the original Parish Team that followed Fr. Gallagher included three Priests: Fr. Tesek, Fr. Waldron, and Fr. Hannon?

One Liner

“Choosing not to forgive someone is like drinking poison, and expecting the other person to die”.

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

Lady of Fatima Memorial Bricks



St. Monica Holy Name Society will be selling **Memorial Bricks** to be placed in front of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. The sale of the bricks will help finance the restoration of the shrine area between the rectory and school. A new walkway, landscaping and an area in front of the shrine will be installed for parishioners to help memorialize family and friends in a special place on the grounds of St. Monica Church.

Extra order forms are available on the Parish Website and at the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

SPECIAL MASSES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SPECIAL MASSES OFFERED AT OUR PARISH, BUT ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT KNOWING THE DATE AND TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN A PRIEST CELEBRATES OR CONCELEBRATES MASSES THAT ARE NOT SCHEDULED. THE PRIESTS ARE WILLING TO OFFER MASSES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS, BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE TIME OR DATE ON WHICH THIS WILL OCCUR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MASSES OFFERED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

Confirmation will take place next Sunday, June 4th at the Noon mass. The first 4 rows on both sides of the isle will be reserved for those being Confirmed. You are welcome to attend the mass, and pray for our candidates.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please turn in any special requests for the July/August/September schedule into the Parish Office by Monday, June 12th. Thank you for your help with this.

SANDWICH SATURDAY

Join us on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00 am in the Parish Office as we come together to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. Items needed: Peanut butter & tablecloths.



Pastoral Scene

Life is hard. I don't have to tell you that. All of us, as we go through life, face countless obstacles, disappointments, sorrows, and even pain (both emotional and physical). Of course, we don't all face exactly the same things, nor in the same amounts. Some of us have much, much heavier crosses than others. And these "sufferings" often can come to dominate our perceived reality, our thoughts and our experiences.

Let's put it another way. Each of us should make two lists, one of our blessings and one for our disappointments. I bet the second list would be much longer. Actually, in faith, we believe God's blessings trump everything else. God never stops loving us or wanting good things for us. Yet, the nature of suffering is such that even small or short-lived disappointments can seem somewhat overwhelming, and great disappointments can virtually crush our spirits and drives us to despair. When this is happening, it can be really tough to see the good in our lives.

We also know that life's crosses do not always arise as a consequence of doing the right thing. Things like illnesses, disasters, financial troubles, broken relationships, marriages and death of loved ones can be tremendously hard to endure. If you think about it, just maybe these things too can be transformed by the love of God, who has the power over the heaviest of disappointments and sorrows.

Look at the early Christians and what they endured and suffered. Is it any different today than it was when Peter walked this earth? Can you rejoice in your sufferings? I think this would be hard to do and most of us are not there yet. Here is a prayer that might give each and every one of us a kind of hope and maybe heal our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you know well that life can be hard. And you know precisely what each of us is experiencing. You know our crosses. And we believe that you want nothing more than to bring us comfort, strength, peace and joy. Real and lasting joy. Help us to learn how to rejoice (even in a small way) each time we are asked to carry a cross, whether it be heavy or light. And may we never, ever forget just how much you love us and how far you are willing to go to pour out that love into our hearts, our minds, our very lives.

Yes, life is hard, but not if we let God take control of our lives.

Deacon Stan Drozell

Homecoming Festival



Raffle Tickets in the Mail

The raffle tickets for our annual *Homecoming Festival* will be mailed out this coming week. All registered members of St. Monica should receive these by next weekend. We encourage all parishioners to buy or sell these tickets as they are the backbone of the *Festival's* success. Proceeds from this event are an important part of the yearly financial performance of our parish. Thanks for your help! The 1st incentive drawing will be held on Sunday, June 18th. Winner will receive a \$100 gift card.

Front Lawn Ticket Sales

As in the past we will be selling Raffle tickets for the Homecoming Festival on the front lawn of the parish beginning Monday June 19th. **If you are interested in helping to sell these tickets please call Bill Skladany at 216.544.6785.** Bill will be coordinating the tickets sales on the lawn. He will be scheduling each day, and calling to remind folks of their scheduled time. Thank you for your time and effort!

ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP



Join the Senior's in JUNE for a special 'Light Luncheon' celebration with cake and coffee in honor of 'SENIOR' Mother's & Father's ... followed by FUN and GAMES! We will meet in the School Cafeteria on JUNE 13TH beginning at 2PM. Come join your friends for a FUN-filled afternoon! New members are ALWAYS welcome SO bring a friend! Hope to see you PS: It's Flag Day so wear some *Red + White + Blue!*

Bereavement Ministry Support Session

Our next session will take place on Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00am in the St. Augustine Room, located in the School Building. Family members, friends, parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to take advantage of these sessions. **To register, please call the Parish Office at (216) 662-8695.**



Be Careful

In recent years the National News Media has become more focused on disseminating "controversy" than on delivering "the news". As a result of this many Americans have become polarized and are at odds with each other. Much of the news we find in the media is more propaganda than it is news. There is much speculation that is being disseminated instead of real factual information. An example of this took place recently when a new special counsel was appointed to look into the Russian allegations against our President. The news media reported that the "White House was in turmoil". That is pure speculation. The news media had no source to make this speculation. The true news was that "a new special counsel was appointed to look into the allegations..." The news media should be reporting the news, not making up speculation for which they have no proofs.

I urge you to look for good sources of the news you read and listen to. One such source is EWTN News. This is news from a Catholic perspective. It can be found on the cable network. It is also reported on the EWTN radio stations, 1260 am in Cleveland and 1060 am in Canton. These news stations also report Catholic news from the Vatican and around the world.

We live in a divided society, yet we are united in one fact: we are all Americans. Please don't allow our national news media to destroy our country. Take time to look for accurate news sources.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Gift Cards are on sale this weekend after all Masses in the Altar Servers' sacristy. Great idea for the graduate going off to college, or surprise Dad with a gift card to his favorite store or restaurant for Father's Day. Gift Cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. As always, thank you for your generosity.

It is with great joy that we welcome the following First Communicants to the Lord's Table:

George Alexander Henderson

Jack Connor Henderson

Please keep our First Communicants and their family in your prayers. May both young men grow, as Jesus did, in wisdom and grace before God and all of us!!!





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION May 20th / May 21st

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,789.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 324.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 14.00

Answer to This Week's Question

How many Deacons were in the original Ordination Class in the Acts of the Apostles?

Answer: There were Seven Deacons.



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



On May 16, Bishop Prasad Gallela of the diocese of Cuddapah in India, celebrated liturgy with the student body of St. Benedict Catholic School. The faculty members of St. Benedict Catholic School and the seventh and eighth grade Junior Holy Name members sponsor children from Bishop Prasad's missions.

K of C Wednesday Night Dinner

CLUB 4130 - 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights 44125
DATE: Wednesday May 31 TIME: 4 - 7 PM

LEMON CHICKEN PICCATA

Dinner consists of: **Dinner will consist of 2 pieces of Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls & Butter**

Cost: **Adults - \$10 Children Under 12 - \$8**

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

DINNERS BY: MAPLE HEIGHTS CATERING

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2

DUE BY MONDAY MAY 29 - NOON

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery

Parish Activities

MONDAY, May 29

Memorial Day—All Buildings Closed

TUESDAY, May 30

7:00 Wake Up Walk With Fr. Ted (grounds)
12:00 6th Grade End of Year Party (p)
6:00 Bible Group (p.o. kitchen)
6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (AR)
7:00 8th Grade Graduation (+)
7:30 8th Grade Reception (g)
8:00 Holy Name Bopard Mtg (c)

WEDNESDAY, May 31

12:00 Tai Chi (J)
7:00 Women's Walking Club (g)

THURSDAY, June 1

6:30 Fall Sports Sign Ups (g)
6:30 Confirmation Rehearsal (+)
7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg (CC)

Friday, June 2

8:00 MHCC Mtg (AR)

SATURDAY, June 3

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)
10:00 Bereavement Mtg (AR)

SUNDAY, June 4

12:00 Confirmation

YOUTH MINISTRY

Students interested in earning service hours AND fundraising credit Jun 9-17 should contact the youth ministry immediately! Help with Trash and Treasure at St Martin of Tours is needed. Stay tuned for Youth412's Mid-summer activities; to be advertised through the bulletin and REMIND!



Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St Martin of Tours, St Monica, Saints Peter and Paul and St Therese 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts OH 44125 (216) 662-8685 ext 123

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Everyone is invited to attend the Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony at **St. Martin of Tours Church on Saturday, June 10th. Starting at 3pm** the flags will be prepared for retirement by being cut into pieces. **After 4:30 mass, there will be a short ceremony describing the process and the flags will be burned.** All veterans are encouraged to participate in the ceremony by placing the first pieces of flags into the fire. **(There will be a basket in the vestibule to collect flags this month.) Contact for more information: Paul Blados, Troop 389, 216-524-0397.**

Fall Sports Sign-Ups

St. Benedict is holding its Fall Sports Sign-Ups on **Thursday, June 1 in the School Gym, from 6:30pm-7:15pm.** Sign-Ups will include Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer.

Coaches are needed for all sports. If you are unable to attend the sign-ups or are interested in volunteering as a coach, you can register your child on line at: athletics@stbenedictohio.com



Readings for the Week of May 28, 2017

Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or; Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; 10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	Saint Justin, Martyr Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

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Saturday	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 or for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23