

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Sometimes we forget that life was difficult and tenuous for the first Christians. In the first reading we are reminded that the transition to Christianity was confusing. Jesus had come to fulfill the promise to the Jews. They however did not recognize that and rejected him. There were many gentiles who believed in Jesus, and the Jewish converts believed that these gentiles had to be circumcised. The first ecumenical council was held in Jerusalem and the decision was made that the gentile converts did not need to be circumcised.

In the year 70 A.D. the temple was destroyed. This was identity-shaking to the Jews because it had always been the sign of God's presence with them. In a vision God tells John not to worry, "its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb." The center of faith is not a building. God and Jesus are the center of faith. We believe in a personal God, not in a human construction.

And Jesus in the gospel tells the disciples that he has to leave them. They should not worry, however, because he is sending them the Holy Spirit who will teach them and remind them of all that Jesus has said.

All these things were difficult to hear and to comprehend. Jesus did not promise us that life would be easy. Last week he told us "you will have to suffer many hardships." Are we able to bring our faith to the things that are difficult?

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Ryan and Rachel Otto on the baptism of their son Remington James. And welcome to the parish!

Weekend Masses

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| Sat Apr 30 | 4:00 p.m. | William Shackelford Sr. |
| Sun May 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Betty Wieser Ralph Wischmeyer |
| Sat May 7 | 4:00 p.m. | Gene Badertscher and Imajean Mathewson |
| Sun May 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Janet Maenle Leonard & Sally Rieman |

Communion Services

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| Tue May 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Richland |
| Wed May 4 | 10:30 a.m. | Hilty |

First Friday

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| Fri May 6 | 8:00 a.m. | St. Mary's |
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,368.00 | Loose | \$1,302.00 |
| Children | \$6.51 | Total | \$3,676.51 |

78 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 7 & 8, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins and Bob Minto
Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Mel Heitmeyer
Greeter-West Door: Sherry Heitmeyer
Cantor: Kevin Vance
Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag
Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock
E.M.: Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel, Cathy Hermiller,
Crystal Ellerbrock and Candace Vance
Servers: Kaden Reneker, Julia Mehaffie and
Jonathan Schrinier

Readings for May 8, 2016

Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

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Plan ahead If you are hoping to go to Booneville with us this year, mark your calendars now! The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. The dates are June 3-4. We leave near noon on Friday, June 3; work Saturday, June 4, and share Mass and a potluck with the parishioners of Holy Family Parish; and drive home on Sunday, June 5. The number is limited to 12. We will also be having a donation board for the food and travel if you can help in that way.



Our May Crowning will be Wednesday evening, May 4, at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us to honor Mary our Mother, Patroness, and Queen.

The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m., in the old social hall. All the nominees are invited to join the meeting to "get a flavor" of how the Council works.



Don't forget the outside maintenance day, Saturday, May 7. We will be weeding and mulching to prepare the flower beds for planting. Bring gloves and the tools you like for those jobs. Lunch will be served. If it rains, the make-up date is May 14.

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Thursday, May 5, is not a holy day of obligation. The celebration has been commuted to Sunday.

Olive wood carvings The family from Bethlehem will be here again the weekend of May 14-15 to sell their olive wood carvings. This is their way of raising money for their families back in Israel.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will offer a special Mass on Friday, May 6 at 7:00 pm for victims of cancer, their families, friends and caregivers. We welcome all to come and pray together. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the conclusion of the Mass; prayers for healing will also be offered individually.

Christmas donkey If you have a Fisher-Price Little People Christmas crib that has a little donkey, would you consider loaning it to Sister Carol? One of the Sisters who is a missionary in Mexico is celebrating her 50th anniversary. We'd like to use the little donkey on the cake to give it a Mexican theme.



The **Annual Geranium Sale** by Hancock County Right-to-Life, will take place this year on the Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. It will be held at St. Michael's Church Parking Lot, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, on Friday May 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 32 plant Flats of geraniums are \$19.00. 12 inch Hanging Baskets are \$19.00. Pre-orders of full flats of one color and hanging baskets may be made by calling Bob Zellers at 419-423-2281 or Rheta Depuy at 419-423-0453. Pre Orders must be picked up by 8:00 PM on Friday, May 6th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

St. Junipero Serra Pilgrimage It's official! The St. Junipero Serra Pilgrimage is a blast! The first group to complete the trip found it a perfect mix of sacred and secular. The missions were inspiring; the scenery was beautiful; the attractions were fun. In addition to the missions, they toured LA, Rodeo Drive, Venice, Monterey, Carmel. They saw the Winchester Mystery House, The Hearst Castle and the Napa Valley wine country. Join Deacon Andy for a trip of a lifetime! July 19 to 28, 2016. Contact Deacon Andy McMahon 419-238-2985 or go to www.procatholicstours.com and click "Tours with Your Clergy" tab. Sign up today!

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, May 4th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. May Crowning will be at 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Hi & God Squad: Sorry I had the wrong information about classes being over. There is class today, Sunday, May 1st. This will be your last meeting. Sorry for the misinformation in the bulletin.