

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6, 2017



Dear parishioners,

This is a feast full of mystery and meaning. Jesus is with the apostles Peter, James, and John. He takes them up a high mountain and is transfigured before them. Jesus' face is shining like the sun, his clothes are white as light, and he is talking with Moses and Elijah. Then a dark shadow covers the apostles and a voice says, "This is my beloved Son." The apostles are terrified.

If we "get into" the story by imagining that we are the apostles, it's easy to understand why they were terrified. They had seen Jesus work miracles. They had never seen anything like this. And this happens right after Jesus tells them he's going to die. They don't know what's happening!

Today we have the experience of the passion and resurrection. We know that Jesus is God. We have the benefit of many years of study of the scriptures, of theology, and of inspiration. We almost read this story without batting an eyelash.

Jesus is showing them his divinity next to the prediction of his passion and death. He is letting us know that he is the fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah). When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, a voice announced this is my beloved Son. The Father is closing the parentheses. Listen to all that Jesus has done and said.

It's a great day for reflection on the wonder of God being with us and being one with us.

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Rob and Sarah Davis on the baptism of their son Samuel! Welcome to the church family, Samuel.

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 5	4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family Mel Schroeder
Sun Aug 6	10:00 a.m.	Nathan Sterrett Fr. Gary Ferguson
Sat Aug 12	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Aug 13	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Fri Aug 11 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,985.00	Loose	\$872.00
Children	\$36.71	Total	\$3,893.71

66 envelopes returned = 32%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Aug 12 & 13, 2017

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley

Servers: Derek Swartzlander, Courtney
McLaughlin and Calvin Frideger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Mike Maag and Nick Marcum

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel,
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Vance

Servers: Kaden Reneker, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for August 13, 2017

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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Don't forget!! The parish picnic is next Sunday, August 13, right after the 10:00 o'clock Mass under the tent in the parking lot! All are invited. There is no cost to you! You've already given it!



Youth Leader St. Mary's is again looking for a part-time Youth Leader. This person needs to be a practicing Catholic in good-standing with the Church, current in theology, must bring creativity and enthusiasm to the ministry, and must relate well with youth. If you feel called to this ministry, please talk to Sister Carol.

 **Liturgy** We are looking for someone who might be interested in being responsible for our oil candles. This entails being sure there is oil in the altar and ambo candles—they burn for about 8 Masses or for about a month depending on how many Masses we have. It also means keeping the pewlabra candles filled for the Christmas season. These only hold enough oil to burn for two hours. That means they need to be refilled every other Mass. This can be one ministry or two. Talk to Sister Carol if you want to know more.

Holy day of obligation Our feast day, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, IS a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate with Mass on Monday, August 14, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the blood drive and with the Community Supper—especially Beth Yarger and Edna Conkling who coordinated the event!

Join all parishes of the diocese in celebrating Hispanic Sunday, August 20th, with a Holy Mass at 12:15 p.m., at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 Ohio 269, Bellevue, OH 44811). The main celebrant will be Bishop Daniel Thomas. Bring your family to enjoy this summer event. For more information, please contact Carlos Castañeda: (419) 214-4871.

Holy Trinity (Bucyrus) and St. Joseph (Galion) Parishes Present In Concert Grammy/Dove Award Winning Christian Music Pioneer **John Michael Talbot** "A Lifetime of Music & Ministry" on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The concert will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 760 Tiffin St., Bucyrus, OH 44820-1535. General Seating is \$30 and VIP Package is \$50. To order tickets or for information call the parish at: 419-562-1346. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ANNUNCIATION RADIO PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH FR. MITCH PACWA, SJ

Join Annunciation Radio for an evening with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., President & Founder of Ignatius Productions. Saturday, September 30, 2017, 6:00 pm at The Pinnacle in Maumee. Fr. Pacwa is best known for his appearances on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), where he currently hosts two television programs – "Threshold of Hope" and "EWTN LIVE." Fr. Pacwa is also the weekly host of EWTN Radio "OPEN LINE" program heard on Annunciation Radio. Individual tickets are \$30 or \$270 for a table of 10. To purchase tickets or for more information visit www.annunciationradio.com or call 419-754-1009.

WOW!! Michael Russell O'Brien coming to Leipsic St. Mary Parish!!

Michael is an inter-generational entertainer through and through. He appeals to all ages, from Grandmas and Grandpas to Moms and Dads to adolescents and young children. Michael readily shares his faith story including a conversion experience that led him from a successful career in secular music to a Catholic/Christian singer who has no hesitation in sharing his beliefs and convictions. It truly is an event for the entire family.

When: Sunday, August 13, 2017

Events: 5:00 p.m. Mass at Leipsic St. Mary Parish
5:45 p.m. Light Meal in the Parish Life Center
6:30 p.m. Doors Open to the Public
7:00 p.m. Concert Begins

If you plan to come for the meal, a courtesy RSVP is appreciated to the Parish Office at (419) 943-2952 or email: jtinkrott@metalink.net.

If you recently brought food for a funeral luncheon, we still have some crock pots and various dishes left at the church. Please check the cart in the narthex and take any dish that belongs to you.