

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017



Dear parishioners,

In the gospel today Jesus asks the apostles "Who do people say I am?" Later he asks them, "Who do you say I am?" Those are still profoundly important questions.

Lots of people have told us along the way who Jesus is—our parents, our grandparents, our teachers, our priests, our friends. We know Jesus is God, the second person of the Trinity, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, Savior, Redeemer, Lamb of God, friend, Good Shepherd, teacher, Messiah, the Promised One. With some time and thought we could add to that list. To name what others have told us about Jesus is a matter of the head.

The next question is the more important one. "Who do you say that I am?" In my heart of hearts who is Jesus to me? What is the meaning of all that others have told me? Without relying on words that others have used to say who Jesus is, who do I say he is?

Peter obviously had given this a lot of thought. He is Jesus' friend. He has travelled with Jesus, talked with him, eaten with him, slept under the stars with him, fished with him. He has seen how people are drawn to him. Peter has seen Jesus' charisma and authenticity. He's also seen him cure people from horrendous illnesses. He's seen Jesus calm the raging sea. Peter knows this is no ordinary man. "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

And Jesus says to Peter, you haven't figured this out on your own. My Father has revealed it to you. God has revealed Jesus to us too. Let's pray we treasure our relationship and grow to know him more deeply every day.

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Ellie Braidic and Brent Russell married here this weekend. We wish you many happy and healthy years together!

## Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 26	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Aug 27	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sat Sept 2	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Murphy/Immele families
Sun Sept 3	10:00 a.m.	Sue Schlumbohm

## Communion Services

### First Friday

Fri Sept 1 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,767.00	Loose	\$921.00
Children	\$39.88	Total	\$4,727.88

71 envelopes returned = 34%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for Sept. 2 & 3, 2017

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford and  
Angie Wenger

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Katie Hohenbrink

**Ushers:** Dave and Mary Hoffer

**Lector:** Deb Garlock

**E.M.:** Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,  
Basil Meyer

**Servers:** Grace Myers and Jacob Granger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** John and Sarah Schulte family

**Greeter-West Door:**

**Cantor:** Karen Phillips

**Ushers:** Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

**Lectors:** Mel Heitmeyer and Caitlyn Couch

**E.M.:** Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,  
Larry Hoffman, Becca Schlumbohm

**Servers:** Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

## **Readings for September 3, 2017**

### **22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

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## 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation



As part of this year of acknowledgement Bishop Thomas will be joining with Lutheran Bishop Beaudoin in a service of reconciliation on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 3:00 p.m., at St. Michael Church in Findlay. All are invited.

**The new schedule for liturgical ministers** starts next weekend. Please pick up your copy from the main entrance.

**The Pastoral Council** will have its first meeting as a supper meeting on Tuesday, August 29, at 6:00 in the evening.

**Coffee and donuts** We are trying hard to establish the second Sunday of each month as coffee and donut Sunday during the coming year. Our first Coffee and donuts Sunday will be September 10<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Hope to see you there.



**2017 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries** will be held at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 1, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: [toledoanniversarymass.org](http://toledoanniversarymass.org), contact Marsha Rivas at 419-214-4938, or call your parish office. The registration deadline is September 15, 2017.

**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH** invites you to "Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother." The fourth "Journey" will be on Sunday, September 3 at the noon Mass with the former Rector and Pastor of the Shrine and now Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, Bishop John Stowe. Plan to attend our monthly "Journey." Any questions call 419-396-7107 or look us up at [olcshrine.com](http://olcshrine.com).

**The Service Group of the Mennonite Home** will be holding a Silent Auction during the annual **Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mennonite Memorial Home**. The Service Group is seeking donations for this great fundraiser. Donated items in the past have included wood working, quilting, pottery, home canning, antiques, unique crafts and specialty baskets (such as pet basket, gardening basket, movie basket, etc.) If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Benji Bergstrand, MHCO volunteer coordinator, at 419-358-1015, ext. 248. If you are interested in bidding on a Silent Auction item, the bidding will begin on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and close at noon on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support!

## Separated/ Divorced – Now What?

There is a support group now forming. Receive these great blessings: healing, wisdom, peace, hope, confidence, resilience. The group will meet at St. Charles Catholic Church/School Library at 2200 West Elm Street, Lima, Ohio on Tuesdays from September 5 to December 13, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or email [auntoro@wcoil.com](mailto:auntoro@wcoil.com).

# P.R.E.P

**We are looking for help with PREP classes.** We are in need of an aide for Kindergarten, a teacher and aide for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, a teacher and aide for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, an aide for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and a teacher and aide for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like to help in any of these positions, please speak with Kelly Honse.

**Registration forms for PREP** are in the narthex. Kelly will stay after Mass on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for those who wish to register then.