

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)
BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office
WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

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Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM - Lee Bryant
Sun	8:00 AM - Joseph Wesel
	10:00 AM - J. Archer
	12:00 PM - Helen Steil, 4 th Anniversary
	2:00 PM - First Communion
Mon	7:45 AM - Bill Rice
	12:05 PM - Lucille Henry
Tue	7:45 AM - Antoinette DiBello, 3 rd Anniversary
	12:05 PM - Leona Albrecht
Wed	7:45 AM - Barb Brockmeier
	12:05 PM - Louis Huck, Jr.
Thu	7:45 AM - Mary Agnes Augenstein
	12:05 PM - Joseph Wentzell, 18 th Anniversary
Fri	7:45 AM - Liz Strahler
	12:05 PM - Virginia Huck
Sat	9:00 AM - Mary Borowitz
	5:30 PM - Louise Gallito
Sun	8:00 AM - Lisa Wesel
	10:00 AM - Karen Offenberger
	12:00 PM - John Huffman

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father except through me.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Cruz Nicholas Goff, Declan Albert Lang and Lilly Ann Elvira Lang.

CEMETERY COLLECTION:

Each year, in the months of May and November, we have a collection for the care of our two parish cemeteries. Envelopes were provided with your packet and may be put in the collection, or mailed to the parish office any time this month.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements must be in by Wednesday morning in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. All announcements should be in writing. We do not accept bulletin announcements by phone.

VISITORS WELCOME! We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

PARISH OFFICES are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
TUE	6:00 PM	-	Parish Council meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
THU	8:15 AM	-	Cleaning the Basilica. See announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
SAT	8:45 AM	-	Confirmation Retreat in the Basilica Social Hall.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 14,076.00

Amount needed each weekend for
the Basilica budget: \$14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of each month there is a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, May 6th and 7th. Envelopes were provided with your packet.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

BASILICA FOUNDATION:

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have One Million Dollars in the fund before using it.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our Country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary Catholic School is now a recipient of the Hope Scholarship for our West Virginia families for the 2023-2024 school. This scholarship allows West Virginia families to receive tuition for a private school. For more information, please call the school at 740-374-8181 and ask for Principal, Elizabeth Tokodi or Mrs. Bradley

Spring into reading Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Parish Center May 8th – May 11th from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This will be a perfect time to stock up on summer reading materials!

A special night of Bingo is being held on Thursday, May 11th as a fundraiser for the New Gym/stage area. We invite you to join in this night of door prizes and fun held in the Parish Center! Doors open at 4:30 PM and Bingo begins at 6:00 PM.

The St. Mary Catholic School Spring Art & Music Show is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th. Doors open at 5:30 PM for the Art exhibits and 6:30 PM for the music portion in the New Gym.

FOR PARISH CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPONSORS

We will be hosting a retreat for our parish Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors on Saturday, May 13th. The retreat will be held at the Basilica from 8:45 AM until 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Candidates, please arrive at 8:45 AM. We will gather downstairs before Mass.

LIVING JOY

Thanks to a donation, the book Living Joy by Chris Stefanick is available for checkout in the parish library. Due to the content that asks for reflection, the book will be discussed at the June meeting of the Basilica Book Club.

DONUT SUNDAY

Beginning this May, the first Sunday of every month will be Donut Sunday. Please join us in the Social Hall after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday to enjoy fellowship and donuts and coffee. These Sundays will be a great opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners. Hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

Confirmation is a special occasion for girls and boys as they are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a special gift to cherish the moment, Divine Mercy Gift Shop will have that perfect gift for you. Stop in and check out the new line of items.

Do not forget Mom. Mothers' Day will soon be here. There are also many special gifts for Baptism, Weddings, Memorial, and for any loved one. The gift shop is open in the social hall after all weekend Masses. If you prefer to shop during the week, please call Barb at 740-538-4733 to arrange a time.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please check with the parish office before scheduling a meeting in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen.

If you change the time or date of a previously scheduled meeting, please be sure the new time is available. All meetings and events must be put in the master book in the parish office.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Rt. 145 Harrietsville/Lower Salem, OH will hold its Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 14, 2023, from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. An adult dinner is \$13.00 and Children (10 and under) is \$5.00. Dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, applesauce, rolls, dessert and beverages. Dine-in and Carry-out are available. For more information, contact Debbie Biehl at 740-373-2882.

CLEANING THE BASILICA

Volunteers will be cleaning the Basilica Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. If you would like to help, please join us.

2023 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

This year our parish goal is \$115,639.21. This is an increase of \$4,381.21 over last year. So far, the Diocese has received \$68,447.00 from our parish. This means that our parish has only met 59% of our goal.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. Pledge cards are available at the parish office. We have always met and surpassed our goal. Please help us do so again this year. We are so grateful to all of those parishioners who have contributed thus far. God bless you for your generosity to our parish and our diocese.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Our welcoming committee would like to begin contacting new parishioners again. All organizations are invited to put information into the welcoming packet. Most organizations have a letter in the existing packet but most likely it needs to be updated. Please type a letter to be put in the welcoming packet and send it to the parish office as soon as possible. Packets will be given to new parishioners.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 1-12, 2024. Stops include Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Montecassino, and Rome. The discount price of \$4,989.00 per person is enjoyed by those paying with Cash or Check (based on a minimum of 30 participants with double occupancy). For full itinerary visit:

<https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/>. For more information contact Maggie McDaniel: email: maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or phone: (419)290-8782.

CALL TO CONVENTION

All Women of the Diocese are cordially invited to the 78th Anniversary Catholic Woman's Club Convention. It will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Holy Family Church, 2608 Alexander Avenue, Steubenville, OH. Registration will begin at 8:15 AM at Holy Family Church Social Hall. The Theme of this year's convention is "Wherever You Go, I Will Follow." For more information, please contact our CWC President, Jan Tinkler. Information is also available at the Parish Office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF May 13 & 14

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat: 5:30	Missy Deskins (CAPT) Sheri Black (HOST) Gregg Black (HOST) Amy Brockett (CHALICE) Sandy George (CHALICE)	Don Murray	Connor Bichard Braxtyn Kroft Brecken Kroft
Sun: 8:00	Suzanne Baker CAPT Carol Antill (HOST) (swap req.) Marcia McCabe Sharon Loken (CHALICE) Nancy Funk (CHALICE)	Eric Fitch	Ron Wesel Ken Offenberger David Baker Joe Flaherty
10:00	Janet Schilling (CAPT) Sherry Payne (HOST) Joel Erb (HOST) Ken Masselli (CHALICE) Ken Schilling (CHALICE)	Tom Hushion	Elijah Erb Griffin Erb Owen Krason Aamon Harper Benedict Parlin
12:00	Gerald Cooke (CAPT) Dennis Nau (HOST) Joe Schmidt HOST) Jeanette Flowers (CHALICE) Lisa Taylor (CHALICE)	Irene Cain	Alexis Wescott Olivia Wescott Taylor Wescott

Week of May 8	Not Filled	Saturday, May 13, 9:00 AM – Not Filled
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St. John’s Annual Booster Golf Outing is set for Saturday, June 3, 2023 at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, OH. Four Man Scramble - \$65/person, \$260/team, 18 holes w/cart, dinner and raffle to finish! Contact Kristin Pottmeyer (304) 989-0729 to register your team or if you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a hole! Please come out and support St. John’s Athletic Program.

Basilica Book Club News for May: May book: **Eighty Dollar Champion. Elizabeth Lett.**

The book is available to check out at the Parish Library.

Next Meeting: **May 24, 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.**

Remember: **ALL** are welcome, bring a friend. Snacks and drinks are provided. If you are not able to read the book, a summary is presented, and you can participate at whatever level is comfortable for you. Any questions, information or if you want to be added to the Basilica Book Club email list: contact Debbie Lazorik, lazorikd@marietta.edu or 740-434-3769.

Altar Flowers: This weekend, the flowers for the altar are in celebration of Anna and Owen’s Birthday. If you would like to request flowers for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023



Jesus told his followers: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and believe in Me. In my Father's house, there are many rooms. I go to prepare a place for you, and since I go, I will prepare a place for you. I will come back again and I will take you with ME, so where I am, you might also be. Where I go, you know the way." Thomas said to him, "LORD, we do not know where YOU go. How are we to know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The analogy of rooms in the Father's house, however, does not refer to space, but to relationship. The Father's "house" is his extended family. Like Jesus, we are God's children. And he invites all people into his family.

Then, Phillip said, "Lord! Show us the Father. That will be enough for us." "I've been with you a long time," Jesus replied. "And you haven't got to know me, Phillip? The person who has really seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' Don't you believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

Even though his followers would walk the same road of suffering as Jesus, He would return to travel with them as a companion and bring them safely back to him. His return referred to his immediate assistance through his Spirit and at the Second Coming. His risen life would be their risen life. To those who lived with Jesus and his community, the way of suffering to glory seemed obvious.

Thomas didn't know the way. Here, Jesus opened with his famous line: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." We should place the emphasis on the "way." Jesus was and is the way to the Father. The relationship of truth and life with Jesus is the way to the Father.

When Jesus said "I AM...the TRUTH...," He asserted His divinity. The phrase "I AM..." echoed the name of God revealed to Moses in Exodus. The "TRUTH" revealed the only reality that mattered in the world. Any belief that detracted from Jesus was false. Any choice away from a life as a follower was a false choice. For the Christian, Jesus is the "TRUTH" because He is God! So, in the phrase, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus declared He is the only means to the Father and He is the very presence of God on earth. Christians professed an adage that summed up the Jesus' phrase well: "Wherever God acts, God is." In Jesus, God acts because God is.

Jesus lived and died for one reason: to show everyone the face of the Father. When He revealed his Father's face in the crucifixion, Jesus invited everyone to a reconciliation with God, to a love relationship with the Father, and to a sharing in God's very life. In this way, Jesus shows us how to be holy, and how to reveal the face of the Father to others.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- May. - 21, - 2:00 pm. Confirmation Mass
May. - 23, - 6:00 pm. St. Mary School Graduation
Oct. - 27, - 8:45 am. Diocesan Teacher in Service Day
Oct. - 29, - 12:00 pm. Women Religious celebration
Dec. - 12, - 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs. this week on Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh and love us.



Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated on Monday evening at 6:15 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this devotion celebrated in our Basilica on Monday evening. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica, all visitors, and each one of us.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, May 8,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday, May 9,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Wednesday, May 10,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:00 pm. - School Advisory Meeting
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 11,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Friday, May 12,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:05 pm. - Mass
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 13,

- 9:00 am. - Mass
3:30 pm. - Confessions
4:00 pm - Mass (St. Henry)
5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday, May 14,

- 8:00 am. - Mass
10:00 am. - Mass
11:30 pm. - St. Henry Chicken Dinner
12:00 pm. - Mass
7:00 pm. - Wake Service



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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, 32 parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the First Communion Mass offered at 2:00 pm., this afternoon. First Communion is a memorable day, full of tradition and family celebrations.

Here in the Basilica, the liturgy of First Communion will be full of reminders of baptism. At the beginning of the Mass, the children, and all present, are sprinkled with baptismal water. The beautiful white dresses and suits they will wear will be another reminder of baptism, when they were clothed in a white garment. The children, with all gathered, will renew their baptismal promises. Why all the reminders of baptism? Because Eucharist, in which the children will share for the first time, is one of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The link between these three sacraments is clear in the initiation of adults at the Easter Vigil, when they are celebrated in sequence within a single liturgy. But when infants are baptized, the three sacraments are separated, with First Holy Communion taking place when the children have reached the "age of reason," and Confirmation even later.

This celebration reminds all us to remember the day of our own First Communion. We need to be as reverent and filled with awe each time we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We must also be attentive to our obligation to attend Mass every Sunday and participate in the mystery of the Eucharist. Each time we participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Communion, we should be as reverent as though it is our first Mass, our only Mass, our last Mass.

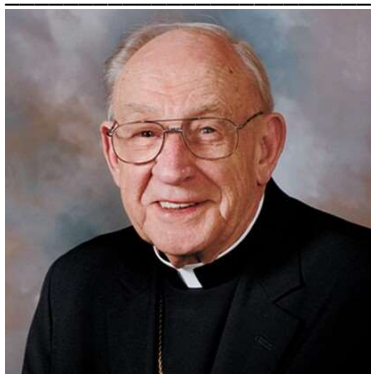
Congratulations to our First Communicants and to their parents and families! Live the Holy Eucharist and live the Mass.

In His Sacred Passion,

Msgr. John M. Campbell
(Rector)

Diocesan Catholic Woman's Convention

The 78th Anniversary DCCW Convention will take place on June 7, 2023 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. The theme of the convention is "Wherever You Go, I Will Follow." All women of the Diocese are invited to the convention. There will be a Basket Raffle for the benefit of our seminarians.



The death of Bishop Gilbert Sheldon

Last Tuesday, the funeral of Bishop Gilbert Sheldon, our 95-year-old retired Bishop was celebrated in Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville. Eight bishops were present for the Funeral Mass. Bishop Sheldon was the third bishop of Steubenville, and had formerly been an auxiliary bishop of Cleveland. He served our Diocese for ten years. We thank him for his years of service in our Diocese, and for his care for all of us. May he rest forever in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Pope tells Mexico's bishops Be close to God, fellow bishops, priests, and people

Pope Francis received 39 bishops from Mexico on April 27—the first of three groups of Mexican bishops traveling to Rome for their ad limina visits. The Code of Canon Law provides that "every five years a diocesan bishop is bound to make a report to the Supreme Pontiff on the state of his diocese.

Vatican preparing document on divorced-remarried couples

The Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life is currently preparing a document on the situation facing Catholics who are divorced and remarried, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the prefect of the dicastery, has revealed. He said that the document would address "those experiencing marital crisis of all kinds." He said that, at the wish of Pope Francis, special attention would be given to "men and women who, having a failed marriage behind them, live in new unions." The cardinal did not give a timetable for the release of the document.

Catholic group sues FBI, Justice Department, over inquiry into traditionalists

A group formed to encourage civil involvement by faithful Catholics, has filed a lawsuit against the FBI and the Justice Department, charging that the federal institutions failed to comply with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding an FBI memo recommending surveillance of traditionalist Catholic communities. Brian Burch, the president of Catholic Vote, said: "We are demanding transparency from our government and are determined to uncover just how high up the anti-Catholic bigotry goes."

Thoughts for the 5th Sunday of Easter

In the first reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year, we see the early Christian community facing a challenge that threatened to divide them. The Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles recognized the problem and called for a solution that would allow them to focus on their primary responsibility of prayer and preaching, while ensuring that the needs of all members of the community were met.

As Catholics, we see that the early Christian community was not without its challenges and disagreements, but they recognized the need to come together and address their problems as a group. They sought a solution that would benefit everyone and allow them to continue their work of spreading the Gospel.

Second, we see the importance of serving others. The apostles recognized the need to prioritize prayer and preaching, but they also recognized the importance of serving those in need. We are called to serve others, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

Finally, we see the importance of leadership and delegation. The apostles recognized that they couldn't do everything themselves and needed to delegate responsibilities to others. They chose seven men from among the community to oversee the distribution of food, ensuring that everyone was taken care of. We are called to be leaders in our own communities, recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and delegating responsibilities to others when appropriate.

The gospel today offers comfort, guidance, and encouragement to us. This passage is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples before his crucifixion, and it contains some of the most beautiful and profound words that Jesus ever spoke. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." No matter what challenges we may face in life, we can always find peace and comfort in our faith. We are called to trust in God, and to hold fast to that trust no matter what happens. Our ultimate home is with God in heaven. We are called to strive for this heavenly home, to live our lives in a way that will allow us to be with God forever.

Jesus is the path that we must follow if we want to be close to God. He is the truth that we must seek, and the life that we must live if we want to experience the fullness of God's love. We are called to continue Jesus' work in the world. We are called to love others, to serve others, and to bring God's light into the darkness of the world. Jesus describes himself as "the way, the truth, and the life." He not only identifies Himself as the one who can connect us to the Father, but also as a window into the community of the Trinity. His life and teachings demonstrate how we can live in harmony with God and one another. Jesus' focus was always on doing the will of the Father and benefiting all of humanity.

The early Christian community took this message to heart. They recognized the importance of ensuring that everyone was taken care of. They put Jesus' teachings into practice by caring for those in need and working together as a community. By following Jesus' example, we too can live in harmony with God and one another, and strive to make the world a better place for all.

Dominican Sisters Choose Nation's Poorest Diocese to



Enliven Struggling Catholic School

"I felt [St. Katharine Drexel's] approval, as if she were saying, 'Yes, help my little ones,'" said Sister Thomas Aquinas, incoming president of Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Gallup, New Mexico.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, including Mother Amata Veritas, shown with young students, look forward to teaching at Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Gallup, New Mexico.

"I've stuck through it through all these hard times. And now, with these nuns coming in, we feel like it's an answer to years and years of prayer," the father of four and graduate of Sacred Heart Cathedral School told the Register. "I'd even call it a miracle."

Biava and his two sisters graduated high school there when enrollment numbered several hundred, as did his father and his father's mother. "The school's been here over 100 years," he said, beginning in 1912, the year New Mexico became a state. Currently, enrollment is less than 50, with instruction only through eighth grade.

Despite the school limping along "on life support" for a while now, according to one administrator — partly due to a prominent public charter classical school having drawn many former families — Biava believes God is doing something big in Gallup.

John Freeh, interim principal, helped encourage the Dominicans, who come from a relatively young order based in Michigan, to come to Gallup. The diocese, which spans 55,000 square miles, touts a rich history of religious presence, including such orders as the Clear Creek Benedictines, the little Sisters of the Poor and the Missionaries of Charity, who, Freeh said, came "by the express directive of Mother Teresa herself."

The school comprises around 20% Caucasian students, with the majority Native American and Hispanic. The future principal said: "Gallup is a very unique location for our sisters to be, with a lot of unique needs," noting that, with St. Katharine Drexel's focus on both the Eucharist and Catholic education, "I felt her approval, as if she were saying, 'Yes, help my little ones.'" Along with the work that already has been done there, she said, "We're hoping to bring our unique mission, our love for academic rigor, and our love for the truth as Dominicans, but also in the context of helping the students grow in their love of Christ and their love of Mary."

During a visit, Sister Thomas shared that "the heart of a classical curriculum is God," noting, "You can't say that at a public charter school. You can brush around it — beauty, truth and goodness — but in the end that's all God, and other schools are missing the most fundamental element: God himself." "I think the nuns will bring their joy but also their intellect," Biava said. "Gallup Bishop James Wall said: 'We can talk about Catholic identity until we're blue in the face, but until we see it truly lived, that can be really difficult,' he said. "The sisters will be that living example of those who prefer nothing above Christ and have forsaken the things of the world."

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT SAINT HENRY'S



On Mother's Day, we celebrate the women of our parish. Why not take them out for a wonderful chicken dinner at Saint Henry Church in Harrietville, Ohio. The annual Chicken Dinner is well known in the area. The parishioners have been preparing for the dinner for several weeks. The money this year will be used for a necessary roof on the church building. Plan on a trip on

Mother's Day. St Henry's is only 24 miles from here.



STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This week, a beautiful 100-year-old statue of the Blessed Virgin will be installed at the new entrance to our school on Fourth Street. The statue will be a wonderful addition to the building. The statue will be dedicated to the memory of Bishop John King Mussio – our first Bishop of Steubenville.

LITURGICAL FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, May 10, Saint John of Avila (Priest)
John was a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author, and religious mystic.

Thursday, May 11, Saint Damien de Veuster (Priest)
Damien was a priest who worked with the lepers on Molokai – known as "Devils Island". He gave his life to the lepers, building homes, caskets, a hospital and a church. When he arrived, there were 800 lepers on the island. He was a man of intense interior prayer and deep simplicity.

Friday, May 12, Saints Nereus * Achilleus, (Martyrs)
These two saints were Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity. They were martyred by beheading by order of the Emperor Trajan.

Saturday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima
In 1917, The Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal. The messages of Fatima include a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer especially the rosary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR TWO PARISHES WHO ARE ILL!

Pope Francis: Solutions to loss of faith ‘come from the tabernacle, not the computer’

Pope Francis on Friday encouraged clergy and others discouraged by a shortage of priests and ebbing faith in the West to pray for God’s help, saying the solutions will “come from the tabernacle and not the computer.”

“I want to assure you that good pastoral ministry is possible if we are able to live as the Lord has commanded us, in the love that is the gift of his Spirit,” the pope said, speaking to an audience of approximately 1,000 Hungarian priests, seminarians, and pastoral workers gathered in St. Stephen’s Co-Cathedral in Budapest.

The crowd listened to a speech by Pope Francis to bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons, seminarians, and pastoral workers in St. Stephen's Co-Cathedral in Budapest, Hungary. “If we grow distant from one another, or divided, if we become hardened in our ways of thinking and our different groups, then we will not bear fruit,” he warned. “It is sad when we become divided, because, instead of playing as a team, we start playing the game of the enemy: bishops not communicating with each other, the old versus the young, diocesan priests versus religious priests, versus laity, Latins versus Greeks.” Such divisions lead to polarization along entrenched ideological lines, the Holy Father said.

“Always remember that our first pastoral priority is to bear witness to communion, for God is communion and he is present wherever there is fraternal charity,” he said. Pope Francis said, “the Gospel gives us new eyes to see” as well as discernment that enables us to “approach our own time with openness, but also with a prophetic spirit.” He added that we are called to “prophetic receptivity.”

“Christ is our future, for he is the one who guides all history. Your confessors of the faith were firmly convinced of this: the many bishops, priests, religious women and men martyred during the communist persecution. They testify to the unwavering faith of Hungarians,” Pope Francis said.

“Our lives, for all their frailty, are held firmly in his hands. If ever we forget this, we, clergy and laity alike, will end up seeking human ways and means to defend ourselves from the world, either withdrawing into our comfortable and tranquil religious oases, or else running after the shifting winds of worldliness.

In both cases, our Christianity will lose its vigor, and we will cease to be the salt of the earth.”

Pope Francis says he did not lose consciousness before hospitalization in March

Pope Francis said on board the papal plane on Sunday that he did not lose consciousness before his hospitalization at the end of March, which was for “strong and acute pneumonia” in his lower lungs. “What I had was a severe illness at the end of the Wednesday audience.” He developed a high fever and at 3 p.m., his doctor took him to the hospital for “acute and strong pneumonia.”