

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends,

A man who lived in a New York apartment building thought he heard thunder outside his window and wondered if it was about to rain. So he put his head out the window to check. As he did so, a glass eye fell into his hand. He looked up to see where it came from and noticed a very attractive young woman looking down at him.

Looking up to the lady he asked, "Is this yours?" "Yes," she replied. "would you be so kind as to bring it up to my apartment?"

Upon his arrival, the woman thanked him profusely and offered the fellow a drink. Admiring her beauty, he agreed.

A while later the young lady said, "Say, I was just about to have supper. I have plenty of food. Would you care to join me?"

"Why, of course," the guy replied, and both enjoyed a very lovely meal.

As the evening was drawing to a close, the man stood up to excuse himself and headed for the door. Immediately the young lady stood up to accompany him. When they got to the door she gave him a kiss on the cheek and said, "You know, I've had a marvelous time this evening. I wonder if you'd like to get together tomorrow as well."

At first the man hesitated, and then said, "Excuse me, do you act like this with every man you meet?"

"No," she replied. "Only with those who catch my eye."

Believe it or not, it's not an uncommon thing for someone to catch my eye during weekend worship. I'm not referring to any sort of flirting, but rather to various behaviors manifested at Mass. For example, I noticed the other Sunday a young father listening to the scriptures being proclaimed. As he sat there with his baby on his shoulder, the young father making the faces noticed that I was looking at him and smiling. The smile grew even bigger.

I also observe the intensity of prayer that some manifest when they return from communion. I am edified that the moment is so significant to them. For a few brief seconds there seems to be such a closeness to Christ.

I often catch a glimpse of one who comes to church with a heavy heart, but whose burden is lightened during the sign of peace when a genuine touch is given.

When we gather in the embrace of the Almighty, the Lord looks upon us with such love and is greatly pleased when we, in turn, love those who are loved by our Creator.

Love,



Fr. Dave

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL is now taking applications from our St. Mary Parish members for the 2005-2006 school year. Three year olds attend on Tuesday and Thursday, (must be 3 by 9-30-05), and four year olds attend on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, (must be 4 by 9-30-05). Extended Day services are also available. Handbooks/forms are available in the school office, or call 447-5202 for more information.



SCRIP WEEKEND IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Schedule of Liturgies

February 5 - February 13

SATURDAY, February 5, Vigil: 5th Ordinary Sunday

4:30 PM Albert & Santa Latona,
William Kowpak & Anthony Falter Family;
Clyde H. & Clyde F. Roszman;
Fr. Thomas Ankenbrandt

6:30 PM David & Hilda Tiell

SUNDAY, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph Keefe; Zach Hess

10:00 AM Alma Steyer; Evelyn Heil;
Michael & Maria Gaietto

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

MONDAY, February 7, Weekday

7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent

8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert

TUESDAY, February 8, Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Shawn Weber, Helen Baumgardner

1:00 PM Palm Burning

WEDNESDAY, February 9, **Ash Wednesday**

8:30 AM Abused & Neglected Children of
St. Mary Parish

All School Mass

12:10 PM Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 PM Marie Hartzell

THURSDAY, February 10, Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Matilda Krupp

FRIDAY, February 11, Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Franklyn Ambrose;

Herbert & Lillian Streacker

SATURDAY, February 12, Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent

1:30 PM Nicholas Shultz & Emily Brady Wedding

4:30 PM Anna Cecilia Rochester; Terry Gaietto;
Rose Ann Gaietto Lewis; John & Joe Panuto

6:30 PM Richard Dandurand; Frank Vargo

SUNDAY, February 13, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Donald Reinhart; Nelson Kin

9:05 - 9:50 AM Adult Education Classes

10:00 AM Tom & Mary Alice Marinis;

Russell & Lois Overmier; Alvin De Monte;

Frances Reinhart

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, & GOOD FRIDAY,

March 25 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is limited to a single full meal. All Catholics age 14 years and older are bound to abstinence. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18 birthday until they turn 59. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of *Lucinda Parkins-Shultz, (47) and Arthur Harlett, (100)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.



ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS: We are seeking 2 flutists, trumpets, trombone and a french horn to help with our Easter Masses. If you would like to participate, please see Michael after any of the Masses.



BINGO WORKERS for today, February 6; Coordinator, Phyllis Hays; Gate, Phyllis Hays, Nick Collett, Marguerite Bernard; Instants, Nancy Warnement, Steve Gosche, Lori Sherman; Floor; Janet Coffman, Tina Schank; Concessions, Cindy Paul.

GOD SQUAD

General Meeting is cancelled for tonight, February 6. Adoration hour will be held.

Monday February 21, Skiing Trip, Clearfork - Butler Ohio. This is open to all youth, 8th grade through graduating Seniors. Last chance! Call Wanda Mills, 447-0355 for reservations. Reservations will close February 9. Total cost is \$47.50 and includes equipment, lesson and lift fee; \$27.00 with your own equipment; or lift ticket & one hour group lesson for \$33.00. **July 15-17, Steubenville Youth Conference** is fast approaching. Limited seating is still available. For more information or to register, contact Kim Lucius, 447-1129, or Lea Frank, 448-4913.

REPUBLIC K OF C FISH FRY will be February 11 & 25 from 5:30 - 8:00. Adults are \$6.75 and children are \$3.50.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Irish Reverse Raffle on March 12. Letters have been sent out. Anyone who didn't have a ticket last year but would like one, contact Vanessa Ardner, 447-0127 or Jane Dell, 447-6181. Much fun and joy will abound!



ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sign up sheets for the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday and the special Masses during Holy Week and Easter are located in the sacristy. Please sign-up early. We would also like to distribute ashes to all our shut-ins this year. If you distribute to our shut-ins, please make arrangements to bring them ashes. Ashes will be located in the sacristy all day on Ash Wednesday along with the Ash Rite. The new Eucharistic Minister list will be located in the sacristy from now on. Please pick one up if you did not receive yours at the meeting.

“WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?” is Fr. Dave Ross’ presentation to couples at the annual Valentine’s Day Toast the Trees at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, February 14. Hors d’ouerves begin at 5:40 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 and evening prayer at 7:15. Fr. Dave will talk with the couples at 7:30 and the evening will conclude at 9:00 p.m. Advance registration is due by February 11 and the cost is \$50 per couple. Call 332-6522 to register or for more information.



Sacrificial Giving — January 30, 2005		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 10,092.75	457
(Includes loose money & checks)	\$ 1,671.75	
Difference	- \$ 2,907.25	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1.00	1
Christmas	\$ 50.00	1
Immaculate Conception	\$ 8.00	2
New Years Day	\$ 3.00	1
Deposit	\$ 10,154.75	
Catholic Chronicle	\$ 84.00	6
High School Sunday Offering	\$ 16.00	16
Children’s Offering	\$ 127.05	73
Total Sunday	\$ 10,334.20	
Total Christmas To Date	\$ 28,262.65	

“52” Club Winners

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| 1. A. C. Ernst | 4. Mary & Chuck Williams |
| 2. Walter Kuebler | 5. Mr. & Mrs. James Beach |
| 3. Katherine Taylor | |

ST. FRANCIS SPIRITUALITY CENTER

“Catherine of Siena - A Teacher, Saint For Our Times”, February 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Retreat fee is \$30.00 and registration is due February 10.

“The Rejuvenating Power of the Sabbath”, will be February 26 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch.

Lenten Retreat: “Grapes for Breakfast; A Franciscan approach to lent” will be March 1, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This time together will focus on how each of us can approach this special season of the church year in the spirit of Francis, Clare and their early followers. Retreat fee is \$10.00 per person. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$5.00 by February 1.

For more information on any of these retreats call 443-1485.

SCAT DRIVERS for February 13 are Ken & Ann Jones.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS CELEBRATED at the national level during the week of January 30. Tiffin Catholic Schools will celebrate CSW the week of March 5-12 to coincide with Open House at the three schools. On February 28 there will be a Mass with the Bishop Donnelly at St. Joseph Church at 10:00 to celebrate CSW with all three schools. Please join us!

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION is next weekend before all Masses. Please continue to help Boy Scouts in this fundraiser.

SMOKE FREE THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO at Tiffin K of C Hall to benefit Mercy Hospital and United Way. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be available.



ANNUAL CARMIE FABRIZIO MEMORIAL SPAGHETTI Dinner to be held at Camden Falls & Carmella’s Ristorante on February 13 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Carry-out is 11:00 -12:00 p.m. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Westgate Barbers, Fabrizio Chiropractic, Lange & Devine Law Offices, and Kathy Fabrizio.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE 2005. Today’s gospel challenges us to be a “light” to our family “by our good deeds.” Parents shine their light behind them inviting the children to follow their “good deeds.”

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ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB
Sunday Night BINGO
...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.
Two Specials Two Jackpots

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