

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to imagine that we are already celebrating Memorial Day Weekend. The school year is coming to a close this week and preparations are already underway for the next school year. Over this weekend and in the next few days our parish High School seniors have and will be graduating. We wish them all the very best as they complete this milestone in their lives. We encourage them and wish them God's Blessings as they continue in either furthering their education on the college level or entering the work place. We pray for their success in life and remind them that in all they do in life they must put a priority on their Catholic Christian Faith. Our Catholic Christian Faith touches and elevates every aspect of our life by the grace of God. When our Faith is placed as the priority of our lives, everything fits into its proper perspective and place. Jesus' own words say it all, "*What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and destroy himself (his soul) in the process?*" (Matt 16:26) Stay close to God and you will not destroy your life in the process.

Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a custom of many to visit cemeteries on Memorial Day. It is a good and devout practice to visit the graves of our relatives, especially those who have served our country well. Saying a thoughtful prayer for the repose of the souls of our beloved departed while visiting the cemetery is always and excellent thing. Thus, we pray... "*Eternal Life grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*" Amen.

On this Memorial Day as we pray and remember our veterans who have died, we pay particular attention to those veterans who have passed away this past year. As a good practice for Memorial Day may I suggest attending morning mass. Mass will be at 8:00 am. (St. Thomas traditionally has mass at 9:00 am on holidays. Don't quote me on this but I believe they are having their Memorial Day mass at their cemetery. Check their bulletin. Just the same, morning mass for the holiday is easily accessible.) This is a liturgy that has been well attended in the past. As I think over the past couple years I have always been edified by the large number of parishioners who mark the National Holidays by starting their day by attending the Eucharistic Celebration. The prayers offered for the intentions of our country are important and our parishioners prove their good citizenship by seeking God's blessings on our country, our leaders, the common good of her citizens, and the repose of the souls of our departed veterans.

The Bishop Fenwick school year will be coming to an end this week. Bishop Fenwick School will celebrate the conclusion of our eighth grade Students' elementary education on Wednesday evening here at St. Nicholas at 7:00 pm. We wish the very best for our eighth-grade students of Bishop Fenwick School as they complete their studies and have prepared themselves for High School. At this writing I believe all our Fenwick students will be entering Bishop Rosecrans High School. So, we extend a heartfelt "Congratulations and Good Luck".

We would also like to extend our congratulations to all our parish Junior High Students who are graduating from our local public schools. We encourage and support them as they prepare themselves for high school. Well done and God's continued blessings for great success in your future.

Wednesday morning will be the last mass for Bishop Fenwick grade school: **Mass will be at 8:10 a.m.** Now that the school year comes to an end the morning weekday masses during the summer months will all be at **8:00 a.m.** It would also be

advisable to check the mass schedule in the bulletin just in case I am able to get away and cannot find a priest to cover a morning mass. If I get away, please check the bulletin for the mass schedule. Also, be aware that St. Thomas has a morning mass at 9:00 a.m., but you would be advised to get one of their bulletins to be sure.

Thursday during the sixth week of Easter is usually the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day. Over the last several years this feast has been transferred to the following Sunday. However, in many parts of the world and even in our country the Ascension of the Lord is still celebrated on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter; for example, the Vatican. You will notice this distinction and the alternate scriptures for Thursday and for next Sunday in the Missalettes in the pews.

There is a special note that I need to make here in appreciation. On behalf of the parish I would like to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to Charlie White. Charlie has "retired" from our parish finance committee this past month. Charlie accepted and faithfully served the parish throughout his first term on the committee about forty years ago. When asked, Charlie thought it would be best not to accept a second term. Again, we would like to thank Charlie for his many years in sharing his time and talents with the parish on our Finance Committee.

It should also be noted that Fr. Jack Dreese is celebrating his 60th anniversary on May 30th. Fr. Jack has faithfully served the Diocese of Columbus in many ways. We have been greatly blessed with his weekend assistance since his retirement. He has been here longer than many of the pastors; sixteen years not counting his first years as an associate pastor sixty years ago. I personally appreciate his presence in the parish on the weekends. His insights and commentary on current events, especially in Church news, as well as his knowledge of the history of the diocese and the parish has always been helpful. I have personally appreciated his insights and counsel on many things. Indeed, as a parish we have been greatly blessed.

We ask God's blessings for Fr. Dreese. May he experience health and goodness for the future: which we hope to be a long time. To Fr. Dreese, *Ad Multos Annos!*

Have a great Memorial Day weekend.
Father Ralko

Church Support

May 19, 2019

OFFERTORY	\$11,174.00
Diocesan Tax	\$(770.00)
Fenwick Subsidy	\$(2,635.00)
Rosecrans subsidy	\$(485.00)
Available for Parish Operations	\$7,285.00
Parish Operating Expenses	\$(7,825.00)
Religious Education Expenses	<u>\$(890.00)</u>
Other Income	<u>\$1,855.00</u>
Weekly surplus	<u>\$425.00</u>

May God bless you for supporting your parish!

If you did not have enough to itemize your charitable donations this year, please contact your tax preparer and see if you are eligible to make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution.

This week we pray Week II of the Liturgy of the hours.

We welcomed into the church through Baptism last weekend: Sofia Rose Tiberio, daughter of Mr. Gerald & Mrs. Vanessa Tiberio, Jr.



Have a safe and happy Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING. CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.STNICKPARISH.ORG

2019 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

“BLESSED BROKEN GIVEN” The event is to be held November 21-23, 2019. A three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic Teenagers. Includes 3-night stay at a hotel, coach buses, round trip, 7 meals, shirt, water bottle and bag. Call Patty at (740) 453-0597 to register. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT! REGISTER NOW!!!!**

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

St. Paul On the Power of The Cross, a seven-week bible study by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, will begin Monday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office, upper level. Participants will need the book St. Paul On the Power of The Cross, Bible and notebook. Please call the parish office to register so that we may order your book. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 29th.** Books will be available for pick up June 10th in order to allow participants to complete the “Introduction” prior to the first meeting. The cost is \$9.00. Scholarships available.

St. Nicholas will hold a **Pre-Jordan Class** on **Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish office building for parents and sponsors of infants and small children who are to be baptized. Please call 453-7141 to register for the class.

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES MASS

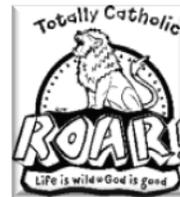
Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversary are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass and celebration in honor of their marriage! The Jubilee will take place on **Sunday, June 23**, at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Dublin. Bishop Robert Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. and a light reception will follow. Please RSVP by **Wed., June 12th**. Late registrations will be accepted, but the names will not be featured in the event program or The Catholic Times. Congratulations to these couples on their faithful love! Couples may register by contacting the Marriage and Family Office at (614)-241-2560 or by visiting columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
The Parish Office will begin its summer hours **May 31, closing at noon on Fridays.**

Vacation Bible School – More Volunteers needed!!

Those interested in helping with this year’s Vacation Bible School should attend the planning/set up meeting to be held on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center (school gym). This includes those who wish to help with set up, as well as those who will be help during the event to be held June 10 through June 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night.



Roar VBS: “Life is wild, God is good” will be hosted in the St. Nicholas Parish Activity Center (school gym) from June 10 to June 14, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for kindergarten through grade 6. At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life is getting wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. The event is free. For More information call the parish office (740) 453-0597. **Please return registration forms by May 31st.**

MRS. SUE MAXWELL IS RETIRING!
You’re Invited to Celebrate with Us!

Sunday June 2, 2019 in Dury Hall
1:00-3:00

Bishop Rosecrans High School
1040 East Main Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
740-452-7504

Do you like to do laundry? We need someone to launder the altar server albs once a month. Those interested should call the parish office.

THANK YOU to Millie Teisinger for recently weeding and cleaning up the landscape at the parish office. It was a hard work and it looks great!

Join the Parish in Praying the Rosary

Each weekend of May, St. Nicholas parishioners will pray the Rosary before each Mass. Please come about 20 minutes before Mass and pray the Holy Rosary during Mary’s month of May. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, call 453-7141.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

It is your responsibility to find a substitute if needed.

June 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, June 1 @ 5:15 p.m.

Cantor: Ryan Teti

Lectors: Sharon Coen, Nicole Hannahs

Servers: Justin Ewart, Charles Peterson

Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Molly Ritchey

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Paul Ritchey Dan Snider

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Arnold, Paula Peterson, Scott

Peterson, Charlotte Snider

Sunday, June 2 @ 8:15 a.m.

Cantor: Sandy Black

Lector: Peggy Hill, Diane Hoffer

Servers: Will Bernath, Thomas Bernath

Eucharistic Minister- Coord: Gerald Tiberio

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Cheryl Sylvester, Claire

Tiberio

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Hillis, Sue Hillis, Jeff Shawger, Joshua

Wright

Sunday, June 2 @ 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Jim Gable

Lectors: Wendy Hart, Patti Logan

Servers: Nathan Hart, Justin Hart

Eucharistic Minister - Coord: Karen Hardman

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Alan Burns, Robert LaPrad

Eucharistic Ministers: Vicki Burns, Diana Dunn, Dottie Durant,

Dodi Sealock

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country currently and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. NICHOLAS PARISH IN YOUR WILL. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 453-0597 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Please join us each Monday at The St. Nicholas Chapel in the Parish Office at 2:00 p.m. as we gather to pray the Rosary asking Our Lady's Intercession for the many needs of our nation, community, and parish.

What's Happening in Our Parish

MONDAY, May 27, St. Augustine

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Pastor's intention, Church*

2:00 p.m., Pray the Rosary, St. Nicholas Chapel, Parish Office

TUESDAY, May 28

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Ann Arnold, Church*

WEDNESDAY, May 29

8:10 a.m., School Mass: *John Petho, Church*

THURSDAY, May 30

NO MASS

FRIDAY, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Bill & Sally Fleer, anniversary, Church*

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

SATURDAY, June 1, St. Justin

4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., *Confessions, Church*

5:15 p.m., Mass: *deceased members of the Bishop Rosecrans Class of 1969, Church*

SUNDAY, June 2

8:15 a.m., Mass: *St. Nicholas Parishioners, Church*

10:45 a.m., Mass: *Hope Buchanan, Church*

Fern Cherrington, Church

Readings for Week of May 27, 2019

Mon.	Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15: 26-16:4a
Tues.	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Wed	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thurs.	Acts 1:1-11	Lk 24:46-53
Fri.	Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-56
Sat.	Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Sun	Acts 7:55-60	Jn 17:20-26

Mission Immersion Retreat June 1-5 in Columbus. Single Catholic women between the ages of 18-45 who are discerning a possible call to religious life or lay ministry are invited to a 5-day service and retreat opportunity hosted by The Dominican Sisters of Peace. Participants will live together in a small community house and serve at an ecology center (Shepherd's Corner) and at a local soup kitchen and visit with our retired sisters. We will have group prayer and reflection time on these service experiences to explore the connection between service and justice. You will have time also for individual reflection and to journal your experiences. Space is limited, so register now! Free room and board provided. Visit the website at <https://oppeace.org/mission-immersion-retreat-june-1-5-columbus-oh/> to register or for more information contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP by phone, text at 570.336.3991, email at jfitzgerald@oppeace.org