

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Ned Harris
Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Gary Coleman (Visn)
Tues. 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	Kris W. Eilerman (Visn)
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.	Intention of Robert Walsh (Visn)
Thurs. 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Charles Adams (Visn)
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Juanita Hake (Visn)
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.	John & Catherine Cahill (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (Fr. GV)
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> 9:45 a.m.	Parishioners (SJ) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m.	Richard Rumpke (Visn) (Fr. DD)

**Confessions Saturday 3:00 – 4:30pm Visitation**

Welcome to Online Giving

We are so grateful to continue receiving weekly/monthly offering gifts. Please remember envelopes may be sent by mail to the parish office (407 East Main Street / Eaton, OH 45320), or you may easily give online at [preblecountycatholics.org/donate](http://preblecountycatholics.org/donate)

In a few simple steps, you can set up an automatic recurring gift, and specify when and how often you'd like to give online. Also, you can select which parish you would like the donation to go towards and indicate your envelope # (if known).

Please see these beneficial options for enduring this time as it will greatly help continue the mission and work of our Preble County Catholic Region.

**ALL PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED**

Join us in prayer--Even though the growing threat of COVID19 has many of us staying in our homes, that doesn't mean we have to pray alone. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary daily, from our homes at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Knights will take up the Rosary and raise our voices to God. Wherever you are, you know that at those hours, somewhere a Knight is praying with you. We will continue praying with you until the Archbishop sounds the "all-clear" and it is safe for us to gather together again in prayer.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through mail and online donations.*

**OFFERTORY 5/17/2020**

Visitation	Mail	Online	Total
	1395.00	1025.00	2420.00
St John	Mail	Online	Total
	0.00	65.00	65.00
St Mary	Mail	Online	Total
	195.00	115.00	310.00

Public Masses resume on Monday, May 25. Please see full details on our website: [www.preblecountycatholics.org](http://www.preblecountycatholics.org).

You can view Mass on-line at EWTN.org  
Fr. David will live-stream Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. via the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friends in Christ,

I remember going to the Holy Land and being amazed at the “footprint” of Jesus preserved in a Church dedicated to the Mystery of the Ascension of our Lord. There on the ground, in rock, was a rough outline of what is reported to be a first century footprint. Being the skeptic and scientific individual that I tend to be; I immediately wanted to know more about this footprint. When did someone find it? How do we know it is that of Christ? What other reasons in history was this Church placed here for pilgrims to visit? The list goes on and on and on...

Then I realized that in this moment of questioning, I could resonate with those Apostles looking up to the skies as the Lord ascended from this earth. I found myself searching for Christ through an examination of what is here below in this “footprint” in the rock. So often, we might try to find God in the things, people, and places around us and be lost in the search for things when we have the one thing above us all the time, i.e. Christ seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty as judge of the living and the dead. Perhaps it is good for us to simply stare up at the clouds and let our wandering hearts and minds attempt to pierce the eternal found somewhere in that canvas of a clear blue sky, or gentle and stormy clouds, or in the sunset or full moon. When we look up to heaven, we must humbly realize that my questioning will never encompass the great mystery of what God has done and what he will do.

We celebrate on this Ascension Sunday the continued gift of Christ going from this world to that of the Heavenly kingdom. We can now find signs or sacraments of Christ in the Eucharist (Sacramental Presence here with us) and in His Mystical Body (Brothers and Sisters in the Church). When Jesus comes again as judge of the living and the dead what joy he would have in finding us looking up and rejoicing that our Lord has returned to take us to himself. Where in heaven we will be filled with the fullness of glory and enjoy God’s peace, light, and eternal rest. Don’t forget to look up into the sky and see our Lord’s ascension give us hope today.

God love you,

Fr. David Doseck

***Please pray for Brittany Bulach and Isaiah Loftis who will be received into the Catholic Church on Pentecost weekend.***

THANK YOU FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
OFFICE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

I would like to celebrate each one of you and your parishioners for your generous support of the National Retirement Fund for Religious. This year you gave a total of \$650,000.00! I am astonished and moved by such a generous support! Roughly 94% of donations directly aid senior religious and their communities. Some 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests’ benefit.

Cornelius M.” Neil” Cahalane Memorial  
Scholarship: K of C Council 3698 will once again be offering one \$500 scholarship to a parishioner in the Preble County Catholic Region who will be attending a 2 year or 4-year college or vocational training school for the 2020/2021 academic year. An application with eligibility requirements can be found on the website. Applications must be received by Sunday, May 31, 2020.

**K of C Super Cash Bonanza Raffle**—Mike Quinn and Joe Cost would like to thank fellow Knights for a successful 1<sup>st</sup> phase to the Super Cash Bonanza. Due to the COVID-19 response, ***the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final phase has been pushed out to June 12***, to allow for more time to turn in tickets. ***We need to sell just 33 more Cash Bonanza tickets to qualify for the next level of reimbursement.*** If you need more tickets, call Joe Cost at (937) 307-8688. Vivat Jesu!

