

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



Dear parishioners,

The Church is preparing us for the great feast of Pentecost. In the first reading from Peter we hear about the early Church's celebration of Confirmation. The story of Philip's work is very touching. This is not the apostle Philip. This is Philip, the deacon we heard being appointed last Sunday. He is a Greek-speaking believer who determines to preach to the Samaritans. That's pretty gutsy! If you remember, the Jews despised the Samaritans because they were a mixed-race, sort-of-fallen-away religious group. What Philip has to say to them and the amazing miracles he does among them, cause the Samaritans to believe and be baptized. So Peter and John are called to lay hands on these newly baptized so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel Jesus tells the apostles and disciples that he will send them another Advocate to be with them always, the Spirit of truth. Jesus tells them he will not leave them orphans. The Spirit will be with us for all time.

Thursday is the original feast of the Ascension. The Church has moved its celebration to Sunday. The Pentecost novena, the time for renewing our openness to the Holy Spirit, nonetheless, begins on Thursday.

In the same way that the apostles spent time together sharing and praying after Jesus ascended into heaven, so we enter into the mystery of this gift by praying that we might always be open and obedient to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is after all our teacher and guide, our inspiration and our strength.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat May 20	4:00 p.m.	Ike Businger Ellen Von Lehmden
Sun May 21	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat May 27	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun May 28	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

## Communion Services

Fri May 26 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,697.00	Loose	\$706.36
Children	\$47.80	Total	\$3,451.16

69 envelopes returned = 33%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## Assignments for May 27 & 28, 2017

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford, Barb Galvan

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Basil Meyer

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Hank and Carol Schroeder

**Lector:** Jenny Roby

**E.M.:** Bob Minto, Edna Conkling

**Servers:** Alyson Kettels, Grace Yarnell,  
Ayla Grandey

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

**Greeter-West Door:**

**Cantor:** Choir or Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

**Lectors:** Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

**E.M.:** Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,  
Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

**Servers:** Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,  
Jordan Schweingruber

## **Readings for May 28, 2017**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:12-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a

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## Booneville Mission Trip

We will leave on Friday, June 9, and return on Sunday, June 11. Twelve of us can go. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. High school juniors and seniors, this is a heart-touching, heart-warming, though tough experience. Don't miss it if you don't have to. The food donation board is also in the main entrance. Please help!



**THANK YOU!** to those who helped with our Annual Maintenance! You are wonderful!

**The village baccalaureate celebration** for seniors graduating from high school will be held on Thursday, May 25, 7:00 p.m., on Cherry Street outside the Bluffton High School. The backup location in the event of rain is St. Mary's Church. We need volunteers to bring cookies to the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance.

**Thank you** for your generous support of the Trinity Dome collection. Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our church, America's Catholic Church. If you were unable to donate last weekend please feel free to drop in the collection basket this weekend or as soon as possible.

For more information visit [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org) or [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org)

**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, Carey, OH invites you to the first in a series of monthly devotions, "Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother". Rev. David Ross, pastor of St. Rose Parish, Lima will be the celebrant and homilist for Mass on Sunday, May 21, 12 noon. Devotions will follow at 2:30. For more information call 419-396-7107.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** invites you to the Sauders Heritage Inn and Campground Event on August 4-6, 2017. You can stay at the campground or in the Inn or even just come up for the fun and games, buffet, and mass in the grass on Saturday. Reservations for a campsite or a hotel room can be made by calling Sauder's Heritage Inn at 1-800-590-9755. Be sure to mention that you are with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter group (6357). The camping and room block ends July 3, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Todd & Michelle Pester at 419-523-5893 or [estimatortoddp@yahoo.com](mailto:estimatortoddp@yahoo.com).



**Today we celebrate** our college and high school graduates at the 10 o'clock Mass. We wish to congratulate our High School graduates: Josh Begg – Bluffton High

School, Gabe Denecker – Bluffton High School, Nick Marcum – Bluffton High School, Tyler McLaughlin – Bluffton High School, Zane Myers – Bluffton High School, Colin Phillips – Bluffton High School, Cody Rieman – Bath High School, Morgan Rieman – Shawnee High School, Brittany Roth – Cory-Rawson High School, Caroline Schutz – Cory-Rawson High School, and Sarah Theisen – Bluffton High School.

Congratulations also goes to our college graduates: Chad Dulle – Miami University, Courtney Dulle – Xavier University, Megan Dulle – University of Findlay, McKenna Reneker – Kent State University, and Aaron Welch – The Ohio State University.

There will be a simple reception after the Mass so that you have an opportunity to congratulate them. Please stop by. Seniors, know that we are very proud of you! Thank you for your presence and involvement in our parish.

**Hope after Abortion** "I don't deserve to be happy." God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org). Learn more at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).

## Summer Migrant Ministry

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite high school girls, college students and young adult's women to join them for a mission trip right here in Northwest Ohio this summer. Join a service team and help with a Vacation Bible School at a migrant camp, learn about the life of a migrant farm worker, and live in a service community for a week. Volunteers will stay in Fostoria, Ohio. For more information contact Sr. Teresita Richards at [trichards@toledosnd.org](mailto:trichards@toledosnd.org) or 419.7241371. The weeks of service are: July 9 – 14, 2017, July 16 – 21, 2017, and July 23 – 28, 2017

## P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy of the Word and PREP** classes will resume in the fall.