

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 606 Washington St. Medina, OH 44256  
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# *5th Sunday of Easter*



**THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

**Sunday, May 18**

- 10:00 am RCIA (RH)
- 1:30 pm New Parishioner Welcome (107)
- 4:30 pm Scouts—Troop 3506 (RH)
- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)
- 6:30 pm Life Teen—Life Night (XR)
- 7:00 pm MCRHP (RH)

**Monday, May 19**

- 3:30 pm Staff Meeting (RLR)
- 6:00 pm Schola rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Session (XR/SCH)
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Troop 506 (CB)
- 7:00 pm WCRHP (RH)
- 7:30 pm St Vincent DePaul Meeting (109)
- 7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (CH)

**Tuesday, May 20**

- 3:00 pm Scouts — Troop 469 (RH)
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir (CH)
- 6:30 pm Youth Choir Cantors (CH)
- 6:30 pm Bingo (CB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (RH)
- 7:00 pm Employment Network (K of C)
- 7:00 pm IT Committee (125)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (RHLL)
- 7:30 pm Cantor/Guitar Rehearsal (CH)

**Wednesday, May 21**

- 3:30 pm Baccalaureate Practice (CH)
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir Pizza Party (CB)
- 7:00 pm Preschool Graduation (XR)

**Thursday, May 22**

- 9:00 am School Field Day (SCH/GYM/XR)
- 1:00 pm Marine Fitness Awards (GYM)
- 5:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Gardening Meeting (XR)
- 7:30 pm Life Teen—Teen Thursday (RHLL)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CH)

**Friday, May 23**

- 6:30 pm School Dance (XR)

**Saturday, May 24**

- 8:30 am Cleaning Angels (CH)

**Sunday, May 25**

- 5:00 pm Bingo (CB)

**Parish Treasure Update:  
May 10-11, 2014**

Sunday Offertory: \$14,666.67  
Envelopes: 381  
Catechetical Services: \$547.45

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

**Mass attendance,  
May 10-11, 2014**

5:00 pm 365  
8:00 am 300  
10:00 am 597  
12:00 pm 463  
5:30 pm 197

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 18**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am George Tulisiak (Guest/PK)
- 10:00 am Agnes Port (AFS)
- 12:00 pm Barbara Matsko (TPK)  
First Eucharist
- 1:30 pm Baptism (PK)
- 5:30 pm Gertrude and Thomas Miller (Guest)

**Monday, May 19**

- 7:30 am Bob Mickle (JMC)
- 7:00 pm Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul (AFS)

**Tuesday, May 20**

- 7:30 am Wilson Pompili (AFS)
- 9:15 am School Mass (TPK)

**Wednesday, May 21**

- 7:30 am Alice Mary McDonald (TPK)

**Thursday, May 22**

- 7:30 am Michael Galant (JMC)
- 7:00 pm Bill Feron (TPK)  
Baccalaureate

**Friday, May 23**

- 7:30 am Joyce Ebner (TPK)

**Saturday, May 24**

- 7:30 am Victoria Stanek (AFS)
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm (TPK)

**Sunday, May 25**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am Ralph Arnholt (JSL)
- 10:00 am Agnes Port (TPK)
- 12:00 pm Mary Ann Imburgia (TPK)  
Deacon Joe's Anniversary Celebration
- 5:30 pm People of Saint Francis Xavier (Guest)

(AFS) Fr. Tony Sejba; (TPK) Fr. Thomas Kowatch;  
(JSL) Fr. John Lee; (EL) Fr. Ed Lajack;  
(JMC) Fr. James Cassidy; (PK) Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl;  
(JL) Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser; (DN) Deacon Dan Norris

**Location key:** (CH) church (CB) church basement  
(LR) Loyola Room (CR) rectory conference room  
(XR) Xavier Room (SCH) school (TL) teachers' Lounge  
(LIB) school library (RH) Randel House (RHLL) RH Life Teen  
(RLR) Rectory Living Room (HM) Holy Martyrs Church  
(K of C) Knights of Columbus Hall

**Banns of Marriage**

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**St. Francis Xavier Church Staff**

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| <b>Pastor</b>                                  | Rev. Anthony Sejba  |
| <b>Parochial Vicars</b>                        | Rev. Thomas Kowatch<br>Rev. John Sungwoong Lee                              |
| <b>Deacons</b>                                 | Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl<br>Deacon Joseph Loutzenhiser<br>Deacon Daniel Norris |
| <b>Director of Adult Initiation</b>            | Jenny Bonarrigo   |
| <b>Director of Music</b>                       | Mary Gabriel  |
| <b>Director of Religious Education</b>         | Susan Rohe-Brooks   |
| <b>Youth Minister</b>                          | Paul Koopman  |
| <b>Director of Ministry and Communications</b> | Jennifer Webb   |
| <b>School Principal</b>                        | Bibiana Seislove  |
| <b>Director of "Little Sailors" Pre-School</b> | Monica Gorman   |
| <b>Business Manager</b>                        | Ray Scherry   |

**Sunday Masses**

5pm, Saturday Vigil; 8 am, 10 am, noon, 5:30 pm

**Week Day Masses**

7:30am Monday through Saturday

7pm Monday and Thursday

First Friday - 7pm

Holy Day Masses

7 pm Vigil, 7:30 am, 7 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

**Rectory office hours**

Monday through Thursday,

8:30 am to 9 pm

Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 1pm

**Contact us**

Rectory Offices: 330-725-4968

Parish School of Religion: 330-722-7700

St. Francis Xavier School: 330-725-3345

School Fax: 330-721-8626

Church Basement: 330-764-8912

Latchkey: 330-725-6203

Cemetery (Dave Thomas): 330-722-4477

**Bingo**

Sundays: Doors open at 3pm, games start at 5pm

Tuesdays: Doors open at 4:30pm, games start at 6pm

**Worship and Sacraments at St. Francis Xavier****Baptisms:** Two Sundays each month at 1:30 pm; baptism classes every other month. Call the rectory for dates.**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Thursday before First Friday, 6:15 to 6:45 pm.**Anointing of the Sick:** Prompt attention at any time, day or night! Please call the rectory to arrange for this sacrament: (330)725-4968.**Marriage: Please call as soon as possible!** Preparation requires a minimum of sixth months. Marriage guidelines are available on request.**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the month, 7:30 pm to 7:30 am Saturday.

Adoration for Life: Third Saturday of the month following 7:30 am Mass, 8-8:30 am.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Ric Sturm (chair): (330)725-3575

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Pam Reese: (330)334-3985

Rachelle Skupski: (330)721-1785

Vince Tricoli: (330)603-7327

**Readings for the Week**Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,  
21; Jn 14:27-31aWednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;  
Jn 15:1-8Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:a-2a, 2b-c, 10;  
Jn 15:9-11Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12;  
Jn 15: 12-17Saturday: Acts 16:1-12; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5;  
Jn 15:18-21Sunday: Acts 8:5-8; 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,  
16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

## St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Update

### SFX Students Make Us Proud

So many exciting things have been happening at St. Francis Xavier School. Our Science Olympiad Team earned First Place in the Middle School Competition, our K-5 students had an excellent Ecology experience when COSI on Wheels visited from Columbus, our annual May Crowning was beautiful, and there was a great crowd for the Fine Arts Festival and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders showed off their SFX version of a Wax Museum. This coming week promises to be just as busy and full of exciting activities. Please join us as we celebrate our many amazing volunteers on Tuesday at the All-School Liturgy. We know that our volunteers help to make our school the special place it is to learn and grow. We thank all of our parents and visitors to our school for their patience with the parking lot construction. We understand that this is a major inconvenience; however, it will all be worth it in the end! Finally, St. Francis Xavier School would like to congratulate our Unity Catholic Credit Union scholarship and contest winners. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> grader Jonah Horrigan on winning a \$500 tuition scholarship from the Unity Catholic Credit Union. In addition, hats off to 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Jonah Lika, 4<sup>th</sup> grader Camryn Kennedy and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Nicholas Bair for winning this year's coloring contest sponsored by the U.C.C.U. We are so proud of you all.

Thank you.  
Have a Blessed Week.

In Christ,  
Mrs. Seislove



#### Week at a Glance:

Monday, May 19—Preschool 4's and 5's Class Picnics  
 Tuesday, May 20—Volunteer Appreciation  
     School Mass  
     Kindergarten Field Day  
     Preschool 3's Class Picnic  
     Teacher Tuesday  
 Wednesday, May 21—School Spirit Dress Down Day  
     6th Grade Social, Xavier Room  
     Preschool Graduation, Xavier Room  
 Thursday, May 22—Field Day, Grades 1-8  
     Marines Fitness Awards Assembly  
     Last Day for Preschool 3's and 5's  
     Kindergarten Music Program, Gym  
     Marco's Pizza Night  
 Friday, May 23—RAIN DATE for Field Day Grades 1-8  
     Last Day for Preschool 4's  
     7th and 8th Grade Dance

### SFX Places First at the Science Olympiad!

The St. Francis Xavier Elementary Science Olympiad Team entered the Medina County competition held on May 3, 2104 at Medina High School. We are very proud to announce that this year's team placed first in Medina County! The students from grades third, fourth, and fifth competed against ten other teams from schools in Medina County. The fifteen students and their coaches have worked hard since September preparing for this event. St. Francis Xavier School placed in all fifteen events, including six first place medals! The third grade team consists of Cooper Kirda, Kathryn Vanover, Carter Malone, Owen Maruca, and Abigail Fourmann. Fourth grade team members are Sam Evrard, Portia Becks, Pryce Panchur, Kaitlyn Pierce, and Alex Hofmeister. Fifth grade members include Alex Sullin, Ivan Shuran, Cole Mamone, Mariana Rocco, and Madison Formani. The coaches, Mrs. Carabin, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Novicky, and Mrs. Bresnahan could not be prouder of their accomplishments. Congratulations to our students and their teachers for all of their hard work and effort!

### St. Francis Xavier "Little Sailors"

**Preschool Openings:** Currently we have 4 openings available in our Preschool 4's class for the 2014- 2015 school year (age 4 by July 31, 2014). For more information or to see our preschool please contact Mrs. Monica Gorman at 330-725-3345 or [mgorman@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:mgorman@stfrancisxavier.info)

#### Week at a Glance:

Monday May 26—Memorial Day, School is Not in Session  
 Tuesday May 27 —8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  
 Wednesday May 28 —Awards Presentation  
     8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony  
     Reception Following Xavier Room  
 Thursday May 29 —All School Liturgy  
     8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day  
     Market Day Church Basement  
 Friday May 30 —Early Dismissal 2:05pm

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

(330)722-7700 [sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info)

**Preschool Classes (Ages 3, (by September 1), 4, 5, Sundays during 10 am Mass beginning October 2014):** Registration forms for all incoming preschool children (Ages 3 (by September 1), 4, and 5 year olds) are available on the parish website under the Religious Education – Pre School link. We are looking for adult help for the 2014-2015 year ahead. For more information call 330-722-7700. Classes are on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy beginning in October 2014.

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### Elementary Classes for students Grades 1-5:

We offer our youth and their families a choice of either classes on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45 P.M. or on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 A.M. Registration forms are available at the rectory office or on the parish website under Religious Education. Both of our programs need help as catechists or assistants for different levels. We provide staff meetings and help. Please call and we can answer your questions and provide more information.

Jesus tells us to bring the children to Him. Please pray and respond (330-722-7700). Thank you on behalf of our parish students.

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### The Edge (Grades 6,7,8) for Fall 2014-2015:

The program takes place on Wednesday evenings in the school. Students arrive at 6:15 P.M. and are dismissed at 8:15 P.M. These are very important years for our middle school youth. Our classes use facilitators and we need many adults to keep the small groups limited in size. Please pray and consider helping out our students in their Faith Journey. We have materials and help for the ministry of the Edge.

You can make a difference to our youth as you faith share with the Edgers. For more information call 330-722-7700.

### First Eucharist

A beautiful day took place on Saturday, May 10 as 122 students received Jesus. This Sunday, May 18 we welcome four more students to the Table of the Lord at the 12:00 Noon Liturgy. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### Edge Summer Camp

This is a great way for students in this year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to give service to different organizations and have a great week in fellowship. We still have openings in Camp 1 and 2. Camp 1 is June 16-20 and Camp 2 is June 20 and July 7-10. We will give service to some Cleveland and Medina organizations plus enjoy some fun activities. Forms are available at the Rectory office and on the parish website under Religious Education – The Edge.

We are looking for current high school juniors and seniors to assist as counselors.

**We will be the Hands and Feet of Christ to others as we give service.**

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### Vacation Bible School

This year our Summer program will be the week of June 23-27. Forms are coming in now and we hope to see many of our parish youth (Age 4-through Grade 6) share in the "Adventures of Son Treasure Island". Our arrival time of 9:00 A.M. takes us to many places in Scripture, with crafts, games, music, and food as we seek the treasures Jesus has for us.



Forms are available on the parish website and are also available in the rectory office. Make this Summer fun as we all search for Jesus in the treasures.

**We are still need of adult help with the environment and for the week. The time for the staff is 8:30 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. the week of June 23-27, 2014.**

**Our rescheduled staff meeting for adults to help in any way will be Tuesday, May 27 in the school from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

**Questions? Call 330-722-7700 or 330-764-8961.**

We are in need of island props and items to make this year's adventure come alive and exciting for our parish youth. Our needs are palm trees, treasure chests, and anything tropical to help make the environment a special attraction. We also need large appliance cardboard boxes to make boats.

**Welcome to our parish**

New to the area, or to St. Francis Xavier? Welcome presentations are held throughout the year. Sessions are held in the school. To register for these gatherings, or for more information about parish registration please call our office: 725-4968.

**25th Annual Faith and Light Retreat**

The Loyola Retreat House and those involved in Faith and Light Retreat Ministry invites you to share in a celebration of the Annual Retreat/Respite Weekend for families of individuals with mental and developmental disabilities. The Annual Retreat will be held on the weekend of June 13-15, 2014. As this is the 25th Anniversary of this gathering of Faith and Light at Loyola, we hope to make it a very special time for all participants.

Space is limited. Participants are asked to donate \$100.00 per individual or \$250.00 per family of four. The donation includes meals, towels, linens and overnight accommodations.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Loyola Retreat House at 330-896-2315.

**Gift Cards support St. Francis Xavier**

**Church and School!** Gift card sales have resumed in the church rectory. Thank you for supporting the Gift Card program and for your patience during the past several weeks when cards were not as easily accessible. For those families who have chosen to have 50% of their profit applied towards their SFX school tuition, the gift card sales year closes **May 31, 2014**. So get your weekly orders in and earn a few more dollars!

**BIRTHCARE OF MEDINA COUNTY  
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Birthcare of Medina County is a local agency whose mission is to provide assistance and sympathetic support for families with young children to help assure their safety, warmth and health. Birthcare was established in 1976 and is a 501(c)(3) organization guided by a director, assistant director and a board of directors. New adult volunteers (over age 25) are currently needed to help staff the four two hour shifts during the week: Monday and Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Thursdays noon-2:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 am—noon. A training session is required and lasts about an hour and a half. Once trained, you work with trained volunteers until you are familiar with our system. Office duty volunteers who meet with clients and service their needs are asked to work one 2-hour shift every 4-8 weeks. If you are interested, email BirthcareMedina@aol.com. Visit our website at www.BirthcareMedina.org.

**Employment Network**

For general information about our group, call Jim Mayiras at 721-9796. Do you know of someone who needs help or direction in their job search? Call Joe Gairnard at 725-8690.

If your company needs talent and has a position available to post with our group, email the information to Dan Cathcart at cathcartd@yahoo.com.

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration that will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant.

Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1964). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. Please contact our parish office to register.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word  
June 8—September 7**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held only at the 10:00 am mass for the summer months (June 8—September 7). At the close of this time, we will return to the 10:00 am and noon schedule. Anyone interested in joining this ministry as a volunteer, please contact Betsy Henry at 330-725-7156 or Elayne Siegfried at 330-635-1091.

**Save the Date!**

**St. Francis Xavier Marriage Ministry**

Come celebrate your marriage and renew your vows. The spring Anniversary Mass and dessert reception is Thursday, June 12 at 7:00pm.

All married couples, young and old are invited. For more information, please call Dino and Gabby Paoletta: (330) 725-3563 or Pete & Mary K Rakytiak (330) 725-1105.

**This June 13 to the 15th, Life Teen will be going to the Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference:**



This is, by far, the best youth conference in the nation. Get your spot for our Franciscan University youth conference today! Space is running out. The dates of the conference are June 13th to 15th. The cost is \$190. Matt Maher from 95.5 the Fish will be there! You will not want to miss this opportunity!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Cardboard City will be June 28th and June 29th!

**FRESHMEN**  
of the **FUTURE**

**LIFE NIGHT**

is where it's at!



LIFE TEEN MASS AT 5:30

LIFE NIGHT 6:30-8:15

IN THE XAVIER ROOM

Come be with friends, eat great food, and be part of something **AMAZING.**



### The FEST!

Mark your summer calendar, and plan to join us on Sunday, August 3, for the FEST—our 14th Annual Catholic Family FESTIVAL, held on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The FEST is free and open to all, and concludes with an inspiring outdoor Mass. It's the highlight of the summer for thousands from across our region. For more information, go online to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).

### Farewell!

This weekend Life Teen will be saying farewell but not good bye to our beloved seniors. Teens join us for a night of games, great food, memories, and say farewell to your friends. This special life night is on May 18th after the 5:30pm Mass at the Randel House deck. This life night is our last life night of this year!

**SERVANTS FOR CHRIST**  
JULY 13-17 ONLY \$140  
St. Francis Xavier LIFETEEN  
leading teens closer to Christ

### Does your teen need service hours?

Save the Date for our summer mission trip called Servants for Christ. This is the best local service trip there is! The dates are July 13th to 17th at St. Mary's Church in Hudson, Ohio. We will be joining other Life Teen High School Youth Groups in an effort to help those in need right here in Cleveland!

### TEEN THURSDAYS!

Teen Thursday's start this week! Teens come to Teen Thursday's every Thursday starting this Thursday. Teen Thursday's are a relaxed and fun drop in night at the Randel House. We will play games, sports, hang out, eat food, and more. Come meet your youth group in a fun and safe place. Teen Thursday is 7:30pm to 9pm. Again, meet in the Life Teen section of the Randel House.

### Confirmation 2014 update

**Reminder:** Our third Confirmation session with students is on Monday, May 19, at 7:15 to 8:45 pm in the Xavier Room.

### 'Like' us on Facebook!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is on Facebook! "Like" our page to stay up to date on events and activities around the parish:

[facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierCatholicChurchMedina)

Ministry leaders: If you have an event coming up and would like to have it featured on our Facebook page or website, contact Jennifer Webb at 330-764-8946 or [jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info](mailto:jwebb@stfrancisxavier.info).

**May God heal our sick and suffering**

**Pray for all military**

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| David M. Campbell  | Jeffrey Simko       |
| Ryan P. Cox        | Daniel Smith        |
| Cody M. Feron      | Jeff Stein          |
| Nicholas Glenbocki | Kevin Stein         |
| Dan Haggerty       | David Tagliaferro   |
| Brandon Hamilton   | Maritza Tagliaferro |
| Alex Hicar         | David Vanik         |
| Kayla Lane         | Aaron Virkler       |
| Taylor Lane        | Robert Weiler       |
| Brandon Lichty     | J. Matthew Zweifel  |
| Reinhard Nann      | Joseph Zweifel      |
| Jared Ross         |                     |
| Erica Sachleben    |                     |
| Taylor Salmons     |                     |

Joe Ault  
 Jude Ballinger  
 Becky Barker  
 John Benson  
 Claire Bevec  
 Sue Boyne  
 Sioux Campbell  
 Danny Colonna  
 Kathleen Cunningham  
 Marianne Curry  
 Joe Delvecchio  
 Evan Dolinar  
 Myrna Dooley  
 Billie Duta  
 Maribeth Edgley  
 Lynda Erickson  
 Abigail Fink  
 Ed Fraley  
 John Francisco  
 Roger Friedrich  
 Bobby Fusco  
 Rhettec Galaska

Jacob Gaume  
 Kerry Grimm  
 Del Guerra  
 Vivian Heim  
 Camden Heil  
 Charlotte Heil  
 Savannah Heil  
 Anthony Hosick  
 Joann Houdek  
 Richard Emil Janson  
 Charline Karsnak  
 Mary Keith  
 John Kirda, Sr.  
 Andrew Korduba  
 Brenda Kutcher  
 Ruth Lancki  
 Steven Lastuka  
 Dave Leidecker  
 Connie Liechty  
 Jerry Liechty  
 Emily Markert  
 Aaron Markiewicz

James M. McDonald  
 Lou McDonald  
 Lois McFadden  
 Mary Ann Makowski  
 Alexa Meyers  
 Mike Mitchell  
 John Neuwar  
 Mary Neuwar  
 Lisa Owen  
 Nathaniel Plasco  
 Richard Pryatel  
 Mark Rudolph  
 Mimi Russ  
 Richard Russ  
 Beth Sielski  
 Jean Smith  
 Amy Taylor  
 Carolyn Vasko  
 Lacey Vickers  
 Celene Wallen  
 Helen Yakubik

*If you would like to add a name to the list of active-duty military, e-mail [sfxparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sfxparishoffice@gmail.com) or call the rectory office.*

*If you would like to place a name on the list of those in need of prayer, please contact the rectory office, or e-mail [sfxparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sfxparishoffice@gmail.com).*





**Pastor's Page****Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

Last weekend we were blessed with beautiful weather for the First Communions on Saturday. We were also blessed to be able to park on the stone base of where the concrete is to be poured. That made room for about 50 additional parking spaces close by the church. This weekend and next weekend we will not have that luxury. After the concrete goes down, it is not to be driven on for ten days. With all of the rain we have had this spring, the project is behind schedule, however, we have until the end of the school year before the next phase can be started in front of the school. Please consider using the parking lots at 620 Corporation on the south side of Smith Road for parking the next few weeks.

While the lot is all tore up it is really important that everyone follow the one-way traffic flow from the school, past the rectory and then out the apron by the south side of the Church. Here is why...someone can easily be hit by a car while walking. Last Sunday, before the 10:00 a.m. Mass, I was watching out the window to see how well drivers were respecting the men helping with the parking lot. If they are being disrespected or ignored by drivers, I want to be able to do something about it.

As I watched, I saw a mess unfold before my eyes that I had no control over. I saw a young man running down the aisle of handicapped parking spots headed toward the Church. I saw a car coming into the drive the wrong way, too fast, and beginning to turn into the aisle to their right. They were on a direct path toward each other and did not stop until they were feet apart. Thank God, both saw each other and stopped about 5 feet from each other. The young man made it into church (he was serving Mass). I asked if he was ok. He said yes, but was a bit shaken by the experience. I thought it best to wait a few days before talking to the driver to choose my words carefully.

I share this with you not to make an example of the people involved, but to simply raise your awareness of how easily someone could be injured if people do not use a high degree of alertness of those around them. **Please follow the one way pattern. Please drive slowly. Hang up the cell phones.** Please remember that, typically, adults are able to make better use of judgment than those who are younger. Please watch out for the little ones who may be very unaware of cars moving around them.

This weekend we are joined by Pallottine Father Noel O'Connor. He will be preaching all of the Masses describing the missionary work that his religious community has

undertaken for spreading the gospel. There will be a true second collection. The basket will be passed twice and the second time around will support the work of the Pallottine Fathers. Thank you for your generosity.

I will be out to celebrate this weekend with the newly ordained. Fr. Chris will celebrate his first Mass at the 5pm Vigil on Saturday. I am going to try to make two other Masses of the young men that I taught in an Introduction to Philosophy course nine years ago when they were freshman in college. It is amazing how time flies. Please continue to pray for the newly ordained, all priests transitioning to new assignments and to pray for vocations from across the Diocese and our own parish. Pray that those hearing the call or feeling the nudge would not be afraid to share it with someone who could help them to take the steps to discern the possibility of priesthood, religious life, and the diaconate.

Finally, please join us Sunday, May 26, at the 12:00 noon mass to celebrate Deacon Joe's 25th Anniversary.

Have a blessed week!

Fr Tony

### ***The Many Faces of Adoption***

St. Martin of Tours (1800 Station Rd., Valley City, OH 44280) is hosting "***The Many Faces of Adoption***" Conference on Saturday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Who should attend? Those who are interested in learning more about all aspects of adoption, families looking to adopt or who want more information, as well as those who maybe pregnant and unsure about the future. There will be speakers who have navigated the process including adoption professionals that will inspire, uplift and bear witness to the truth that life is a beautiful choice. You won't want to miss this enlightening event.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge but a free will offering would be appreciated. For registration and additional information email: [theresapiatt@yahoo.com](mailto:theresapiatt@yahoo.com) or call Maureen at 330-241-3832.

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