

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 5
4:00PM SFX Mildred Frigyes by M/M Paul Blake
6:00pm SG Living and Deceased members of Both Parishes

Sunday, May 6—6th Sunday of Easter
8:30am SFX Dale Kline by Sam & Kathy Pirolozzi
10:30am SG Denise Laubacher by PSR Students & Teachers

Monday, May 7
8:00am SFX David Casper by Mary Dechiara

Tuesday, May 8
9:00am SG Judith Roach by The Leasure Family

Wednesday, May 9
8:00am SFX Yola Buzzelli

Thursday, May 10—St. Damien
7:00pm SG Vince Michel by Terry & Lisa Dunlap

Friday, May 11
9:00am SG Communion Service

Saturday, May 12
4:00PM SFX 60th Anniversary of Dolores & Mike Hudak
6:00pm SG Edward S. Koniecko by Family

Sunday, May 13—The Ascension of the Lord
8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of Both Parishes
10:30am SG Betty Hughey by John & Jan Keating

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on April 29, 2018

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,989; Loose \$152; Cap.\$80; New Hall \$60.76.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,074; Loose \$111; Extraordinary Exp. \$20; New Hall \$1,210.

PARISH SUPPORT: Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Hall Fund, which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

 "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" — JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & ST. GABRIEL

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara (SFX)
St. Joseph Care Ctr.: Fran Montella (SFX), Jerry Nicolet (SG)
Home: Rosemarie Scurto (SFX), Ivette Martinez (SG), Wanda Manley (SG), Margaret Peddicord (SG)
SG at Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Doris Ferguson, Mary Campbell
St. Luke Minerva: James Smith, Josephine Moyseenko, Sharon Shotwell

McKinley Health Center, Canton: Roman Ritterbeck (SG)
Copeland Oaks: Jane Collins.

FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED: Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, and/or to request home visits and Holy Communion, from either parish. The Eucharistic Ministers are not to make these arrangements. Whenever one is admitted to an area hospital, or nursing care facility please inform the Admissions Office you are Catholic and your Parish. Due to the Privacy of Information Act, hospitals no longer give out personal information.

PSR Closing



Today, at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the closing of our religious ed. program, or PSR, for this year. The Mass will be offered especially for Denise Laubacher and

we will have our new communion cups that were obtained with your memorial donations given in her memory. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, at this Mass we will acknowledge the children, parents and staff, and all who have helped to make this such as successful and fun year! Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the PSR so we could focus on sharing the beliefs and joys of our Catholic faith as we learned how to be "missionary disciples of Jesus, our catechetical theme for this year.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and invite you to watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information on our Vacation Bible School, entitled, "Shipwrecked" which looks like lots of fun! More details coming soon!



SYMPATHY: St. Gabriel and St. Francis Xavier parishioners offer our prayers of sympathy to:

† Karla (Mark) Bolanz and family, of St. Gabriel, on the death of Karla's mother, Shirley Walters of Cleveland this past week.

† Carol and Jared (Jennifer) Fowkes and family on the death of husband, father, grandfather Jim Fowkes. Carol and Jim have been long-time members of St. Gabriel.

May all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Support the NEW "Parish Life Center" for St. Francis & St. Gabriel.

"We have so much to do and we must do together!" (Pope Francis)

The Bidding process continues. The Committee is now in process of reviewing the bids and making plans for the next steps. We are making progress! Your continued *prayer and support* is greatly needed in the days ahead. As the Catholic Community of Malvern and Minerva we continue to *build upon our best traditions* as well as *being innovative in being relevant to our changing needs.*

We have so much to do and we must do it together.

As two parishes in the northernmost part of our diocese we **must do it together.** We need to grow beyond our traditional parish boundaries of the past and function as "one, holy, Catholic" church. We must be creative in how we meet these challenges and changes. *As a Building Committee, our main concern is now and always has been for the future of the Catholic faith in this northern part of Carroll County in the Diocese of Steubenville.* The future is unknown and we don't have a crystal ball. We do everything possible in being good stewards and then we rely on our faith to kick in. Our parishes have gone through other trying times in the past and have succeeded. We have no doubt that we can and will do so again. Among the many reasons for building a new "Parish Life Center," requiring the effort of *two parishes*, is for the continued growth and strength of the faith and to assist our social ministry and outreach. Other reasons are important too, for example the rental of the facility to help pay off the loan and supplement its maintenance in the future. Your continued prayer and support is vital for us to carry out the work of the Lord. Thank you and God Bless!

Pledge Amounts as of 04/30/2018

\$ 661,057.00 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 152,459.00 Fundraisers/Org. gifts & memorial donations
\$ 813,516.00 Total of Pledges and Gifts*

REMEMBER OUR MATCHING FUNDS

CHALLENGE *New Pledges, New Gifts and Additional amounts added to an existing pledge/gift* will be **MATCHED Dollar-for Dollar** up to **\$50,000 THANKS TO A VERY GENEROUS DONOR.** To date we have received **\$31,430 in additional gifts.**

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



During the fifty days of the Easter Season our newly received members **Todd Ellis, Matthew Hahlen, Micheal Keller** and **Hannah Reed** continue with the next stage of the RCIA process which is called the *Mystagogy*. This means, "the interpretation of the mystery" where we

will discuss further how we live our Catholic faith until we join the worldwide Church in the celebration of the feast of Pentecost on May 20th. Please continue to make our new members feel welcome among us and keep them in your prayers as they now fully participate in the life of the Church.

DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

The **2018 D/PSC Campaign** has begun. The theme this year is *"In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all."* 1 Thes.5:18.

A Letter and Fact Sheet has gone out to all registered members of our parishes. If you have misplaced your response card, please call the rectory. Please pray on how you might be able to respond this year. Everyone working together and giving whatever you are able will help us to reach and exceed our goal. Everything over the goal is returned to the parish. A special **Thank You** to those who have already responded. The Diocese of Steubenville also accepts online payments for your **D/PSC** gift/pledge. After you have pledged, you are now able to make your payments online instead of mailing them to the diocese. All you need to do is go to diosteub.org/giveonline to schedule or make payments securely by credit/debit card. **"God bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!"**

	Parish Goal	Amount Pledged
St. Francis	\$24,706.00	\$ 11,155.00
St. Gabriel	\$25,153.00	\$ 11,055.00



BAPTISM: Congratulations to Brynlee Rose Meyers, infant daughter of Nicholas and Amanda (Sigmund) Myers of St. Gabriel. Brynlee will be baptized at St. Gabriel this coming Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.



NEW ADDRESS? USING ONLY YOUR CELLPHONE?

When you drop that home line, don't forget to either email at smstgabriel@frontier.com or call the church office at 330-868-4498 to update your church profile. It would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:

May 5/6 Condiments, salad dressings, etc.
May 12/13 Toiletries

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER:

The yearly CWC Mother/Daughter Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 15 at 6pm in the St. Gabriel Church social hall. All ladies from both St. Gabriel and St. Francis are invited to attend. P.J. Chavez will provide the entertainment. Please make your reservation by using the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Judy Wood at 330-418-1067

THE MADONNA PLAN AND CUSCO The St. Gabriel AND St. Francis CWC, which is a unit of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), participates in the DCCW various charitable programs, two of those programs are the *Madonna Plan and our Sister Diocese of Cusco, Peru*. The *Madonna Plan* funds projects that empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers in the areas of health, education and financial security.

Cusco is a City in Peru. Years ago Bishop Albert Ottenweller established a partnership with the Arch Diocese of Peru to help provide financial support to the very poor Catholic community of Cusco. The DCCW continues to make yearly donations for this cause. This summer Bishop Monforton will be making a missionary journey to Cusco the continue that work.

The weekend of *May 19-20*, both CWC units (St. Gabriel and St. Francis) will be accepting donations after all Masses. Donations received will be divided between these two worthy causes. Please consider a donation to help these two programs. Thank you.

VOCATION VIEWS: It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? (John 15:9-17)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also

to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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A **GRIEF EDUCATION SESSION** will be offered beginning Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30pm in the Upper Level Classroom area at St. Gabriel. This session is specifically for anyone who is surviving the death of a spouse. The sessions are designed to cover a chapter, per week, of **Understanding Your Grief**, therefore the sessions will last ten to twelve weeks. Cost of the sessions is \$15, which is the cost of the book. To register or get more information, call Lisa Burman at 330-205-3001. Deadline for **NEW REGISTRATION** is this coming Wednesday, May 9.

VBS SHIPWRECKED:

Please watch the bulletin for our parish **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**. The title of our VBS this year is **"Shipwrecked"**. It promises to be a fun and exciting week for all. We will need catechists, both adults and teens, and lots of others to serve as aides. More info. will be coming soon!



MONSIGNOR MOLLOY SCHOLARSHIP:

The application process of The Knights of Columbus Council #11380 scholarship is coming to a close. The last day applications will be accepted is this coming **MONDAY MAY 7**. The scholarship is worth up to \$1,000.00 to an eligible High School Senior. You are required to be a practicing Catholic member of St. Gabriel or St. Francis Xavier Catholic Churches. You must be attending a Catholic Institution of higher learning in the fall of 2018. You will find applications on the desk in the gathering space in both churches. **Applications must be post-marked by Monday, May 7, 2018 to be eligible.**



CLASS OF 1968 St. Edward Central Catholic High School **Reunion** will take place on Sat. June 9, 2018 at Tozzi's, 4210 12th St NW Canton. **All students of any graduating year who attended St. Edward Central Catholic High School are invited to attend.** To RSVP please call 330-477-7515 by May 225, 2018. On Sunday, June 10th, the class of 1968 will attend the 10:30am Mass at St. Gabriel and have a luncheon together at Classic 57 afterward.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

You've seen the movie.....now read the book!

"Bible Study" began last Thursday 7-8:30pm in the annex meeting rooms at St. Gabriel. We have extra bibles, or bring your own. Any questions? Text or call Pete Laubacher at 330-205-9155.

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OFFICE HOURS:

9am – 5pm Monday - Thursday; 9am—2pm Friday

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm at St. Francis

6:00pm at St. Gabriel

Sunday: 8:30am at St. Francis

10:30am at St. Gabriel

Weekdays 8:00am Mon. and Wed. at St. Francis

9:00am Tues. and Thurs. at St. Gabriel

9:00am Fri. St. Gabriel Communion Service

[See *Weekday Schedule* inside for changes & special days.]

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil (evening before) 7:00pm at St. Francis

Holy Day 9:00am and 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel

CONFESSIONS [Check bulletin for Holiday Schedule]

Saturday: 2:00 – 2:45pm St. Gabriel

3:15 – 3:45pm St. Francis

Other times by request. [Note: Confessions will be cancelled when there is a wedding at either church. Check weekly bulletin.]

BAPTISMS

Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Couples intending to marry **must** consult the pastor personally at least 6 months prior to the desired date. No date will be set until this meeting takes place.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

All items must be submitted to the Parish Office **in writing** by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday**.

ST. FRANCIS

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.



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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 7, 2018