

The Ascension

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

May 3 to May 11, 2008

Weekend Masses:

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| SFC | May 3 | Vigil: The Ascension <i>Anthony J. Arcaro</i> by Wife & Children |
| Sunday | May 4 | The Ascension |
| STM | 8:00am | <i>Joe Morano, Sr.</i> by Bob & Antoinette Rogers |
| SFC | 11:00am | <i>Pauline Palagyi</i> by Family <i>Pro-Populo</i> |

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

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| STM | | |
| Monday | May 5 | Easter Weekday 7:30am <i>James V. Schiavone</i> by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Anzevivo |
| Tuesday | May 6 | Easter Weekday 4:00pm <i>Bernard & Romain Higgins</i> by Joan Higgins |
| SFC | | |
| Wed. | May 7 | Easter Weekday 7:30am <i>Donna Smothers</i> by Mike & Marc Smothers |
| Thursday | May 8 | Easter Weekday 7:30am <i>Mary Pizzi</i> by Attilio Anthony Pizzi & Family & Michael Yakli & Family |
| Friday | May 9 | Easter Weekday 7:30am <i>Communion Service</i> |

Weekend Masses:

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| SFC | May 10 | Vigil: Pentecost <i>Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</i> |
| Sunday | May 11 | Pentecost |
| STM | 8:00am | <i>Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</i> <i>Pro-Populo</i> |
| SFC | 11:00am | <i>Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</i> |

II Wedding Banns Please remember in your prayers Jonathon Pizzi and Sarah Gambling who will be married at St. Mary Church on May 17.

“**Time with Thomas**” is broadcast *LIVE on Wednesdays, 10am-11am*. Tune in to WWOW Walking on Water Radio 1360AM. Pastor Chuck Graham of the First United Methodist Church will be Father’s guest on Wednesday, May 7.

Our weekend **Mass is video taped** and shown on the *Conneaut Cable Access Channel* at 3pm on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

The Bill Kinney Memorial Rosary will be said at 7pm at St. Mary Church all Sundays in May.

The Conneaut Optimist Club annual dinner at The Villa on the Lake to honor the Conneaut residents who are 90 years young and over is May 17, 2008. For reservations call Mr. William Cox at 593-4561 or 645-7275 by May 7.

Excerpt from the Conneaut Reporter May 1887 in reference to the building of St. Mary Church: “The work of building the Catholic church will soon be commenced. Our townsmen, Charles Batchelor, has the contract of doing the stone and brickwork.”

The **weekday Masses** return to the churches on Monday, May 5, 2008.

Next weekend is *Pentecost* – remember to wear red!

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

Ardys & Bernard Coe
by Ann Grant

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Anthony J. Arcaro
by Wife & Children

For the Health & Welfare of:

Tom Rose
by Cousin Ronnie Rose

This Week

Sunday, May 4

8:30-12:30

Parish Buffet Breakfast, SFC Hall
7:00pm

The Bill Kinney Rosary for Peace,
STM

Monday, May 5

6:30pm

Scripture Study, Parish Offices

Wednesday, May 7

10:00am

“*Time with Thomas*” WWOW
Guest: Pastor Chuck Graham

6:30pm

Preschool Art Show, SFC Hall

6:30-8:00pm

RCIA/Sponsor Meeting

Breezeway

Friday, May 9

8am-5pm

Rummage Sale, STM Hall

Saturday, May 10

8am-12:30pm

Rummage Sale, STM Hall

Sunday, May 11

7:00pm

The Bill Kinney Rosary for Peace,
STM

Scripture Readings May 11, 2008

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23(63)



Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$6,125.50 238 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$278,432 Actual \$272,120.95 -\$6,311.05

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship: In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I glorified You on earth by accomplishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

Congratulations to and blessings on the second graders who received their First Holy Communion this weekend: *Sophia DeChurch, Nathan Eaton, Taylor Moasio, Kate Osborne, Jennifer Schrock, Dennis Smith, Tully Taylor and Eric David Thompson.*

2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church "Together in Faith" THANK YOU to all who made a commitment to the 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. To date 49 families from STM have pledged \$6974.50 and 44 families from SFC have pledged \$7687.50. If you have not yet made your commitment please do so by sending your response to Fr. Thomas at the Parish Offices.

Rummage Sale items may be dropped off in Garage #3 at St. Mary. Help is needed to move the items from the garage to the Hall daily from Saturday, May 3 through Thursday, May 8 beginning at 8am. Students may earn service hours for Confirmation! We also need a truck for transporting items!

Thank you to all who are planting and maintaining a **Memory Garden** on the church grounds again this year. Additional areas are open to those who may want to consider taking on a garden this year. If you are interested, please call the Parish Offices.

The **deadline to submit applications to L.E.A.F.** for home repairs has been extended to May 31. Applications are available in the back of the churches or by calling the Parish Offices. **Work week is July 19, 21-26, 2008.** In a few weeks we will be passing the clipboards for you to sign up to help out. Mark your calendars and give prayerful consideration to volunteering one or more days.

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parishes are offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating student from our parishes. Applications are available at the Parish Offices. **Completed applications are to be returned to the Parish Offices by May 19, 2008.**

Hospice of the Western Reserve has information on **"Reel Grief," "Bridges to Hope Day Camp," and "Healing Hearts Workshop."** Please check the church bulletin boards for more information.

Father David is making plans to visit us again this summer! Again, he will need help with the cost of his flight here which will be about \$3000. If you would be willing to contribute, please bring/mail your donation to the Parish Offices or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked **"Father David."**

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society – Members of **SVdP** will be at the doors of the church to accept your tax deductible donation. Make checks payable to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society.** The April collection was \$578. Because of your generosity, we were able to assist two families last month. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help those in need in our community.

On May 31, **Vatican Splendors from St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums & the Swiss Guard Exhibition** will make one of three exclusive U.S. stops in Cleveland at the Western Reserve Historical Society. FMI see the church bulletin boards.

A May crowning will be celebrated at Mother of Sorrows Church on Wed., May 21 at 6pm. Rosaries from Fatima blessed at Our Lady's apparition site will be distributed to all in attendance. A buffet will be served.

Assumption Church, Geneva will be holding its **11th Annual Share the Bounty Rummage Sale** Sat, May 17, 9-4 and Sun May 18, 9-2. Proceeds will be sent to help the needy of El Salvador.

The **students of SSJP** have written and recorded a CD **"Songs of Faith"** filled with 10 faith based songs. To purchase a CD for \$15 call the school at 997-5531.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity Have your heart stretched. Join other single women (18-40) to give a week of service to children in a crisis care center. Blessing House is a crisis facility caring for children whose families are dealing with issues of homelessness, physical & mental illness, poverty, isolation, substance abuse and domestic violence. Children receive care in a safe and loving environment until their caregivers can take them home. Volunteers will live in the Notre Dame community so they can share prayer, meals and reflections on their volunteer experience. Dates are July 13-18 or Aug 3-8. FMI call Sr. Patricia Griesmar, S.N.D. at 440-313-7659.

Bishop George Murry, S.J. will be hosting a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Sorrento, Italy Sept. 22 to Oct. 3, 2008. Cost is \$3599 per person (add \$119 departure tax, \$220 fuel surcharge & \$169 for optional insurance) Depart Pittsburgh Airport. FMI call Msgr. Michael Cariglio/Linda Tedde at 330-744-8451 Ext. 252 or call the Catholic Tour Co. at 877-627-4268. See Church Bulletin Boards for flyer.

25th, 40th, 50th & Over Wedding Anniversaries The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor two Wedding Anniversary Celebrations to honor couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversary in 2008. The first will be held Sunday, June 22, 2pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown. Couples planning to attend the June celebration should register at the Parish Offices by May 19. The Celebration includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. The celebration will be offered again on Sunday, October 26 at St. John the Baptist in Canton. Registration will be accepted for this event in late summer. You may register for either event regardless of your anniversary date.

A 150th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes is being hosted by Fr. William Kraynak, pastor of St. Joan of Arc, Canton from Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2008. FMI call Marie French at 330-453-2045.

The diocese of Youngstown is seeking individuals to serve on the **Committee on Women's Issues**. The committee serves as a consultative body to Bishop George V. Murry in order to promote the spirituality of Catholic women and plan programs on women's issues. To be eligible, an individual should meet the following criteria: **1. Be a fully initiated, practicing, adult Latin Rite Catholic (age 18+), with residence in the Diocese of Youngstown, 2. Be committed to the teachings and tradition of the Church, 3. Be a person of good judgment and character who is able to work well with others in a group setting and 4. Be involved in some aspect of Church ministry.** The term of membership is 3 years and the committee meets at least 4 times annually. If you would like to be considered for membership, contact Fr. Thomas for an application form. Nominations are being accepted until May 31.

Stretch Your Heart Summer Volunteer Opportunities

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite single women, ages 18-40 to participate in a five-day program of summer service with the Sisters. Experiences include: working with children in a crisis care center in Cleveland, assisting with a summer bible camp for inner-city children in Los Angeles, or assisting with migrant ministry in Dayton & Toledo. FMI contact Sr. Kathleen Hine at 440-279-1194.

Attention prayerful single men! The famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey in Trappist KY (home of the late Thomas Merton) will be hosting free Live-in Vocational retreats May 9-16, June 2-9, 9-16 & July 4-11. Work & pray with the monks on their 200 acre farm & hear the vocational talks. There is no cost but space is limited. FMI call 1-800-221-1807.

Any Herald baseball players who played for **Coach Bill Schmidt** that would like to roast him on Friday, June 27 are asked to email him at kbschmidt@alltel.net. The school will be hosting a reunion dinner to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1983 St. John baseball team winning the State Championship at Mt. Carmel Community Center. Special guest is Urban Meyer.

Pastoral Counseling, a form of therapy that honors the connection between a person's mental, emotional & spiritual health by including the faith & religion of a counselee as a necessary resource in the healing process is available at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria PA. FMI call 724-964-8920.

If you would like someone to visit and bring communion to a loved one who is homebound or confined to a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Offices. Because of **The Patient Privacy Act**, this information is not given out to the Parish by any institutions. You must contact Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or the Parish Offices directly.

Reminder: There is handicapped seating available at the front of both churches. The front pews on both sides have been reserved for those with special needs. They are wheelchair accessible. There is also a handicapped-accessible restroom available at St. Frances Cabrini.

The Hearts of Hope Bereavement Team offers funeral luncheon meals for a small fee to parish families following funeral Masses. For information, call Sr. Jean Marie at the Parish Offices.

Counseling Assistance Fund. The Church is committed to helping those who have been harmed as a result of sexual abuse by representatives of the church. According to mental health professionals, counseling is a vital component of the healing process for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Church recognizes, however, that there are people who are reluctant to contact the church for help. This new Counseling Assistance Fund can help these individuals. If you would like more information go to the website at www.counselingassistancefund.org

If you wish to **rent tables or chairs** from either Church hall, please call the office a week in advance. Rental forms must be completed and signed and the rental fee is to be paid before picking up these items.

Just a reminder to continue to **check out our web-site** at www.stmary-stfcabrini.org for items of interest regarding the activities in our parishes. Our weekly bulletin is posted along with the calendar of events. You may choose a link from our web site to WWOW radio to listen to **'Time with Thomas.'** Also, Father Thomas' weekly homilies are available there.

As of October 1, 2007 the cost of lighting Sanctuary Candles at St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini increased from \$10 to \$15 due to increased costs. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

Diocesan Vocations Website – www.youngstownvocations.org. Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for *Vocations* on the Diocesan homepage website – www.doy.org. The site is a source of information for those discerning a Church vocation to priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life and is also a resource for families, teachers, catechists & DRE's.

Estranged from the Church? If you or someone you know feels estranged from the Catholic Church because of divorce or marital status, consider checking into what is needed to bring you back. It may be the annulment process or simple paperwork, depending on your personal situation. If you would like to talk with someone to find out what is needed please call Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or Sister Barbara at the Parish Offices, 599-8570.

Mass intentions for 2008 are being accepted at the Parish Offices. Each parishioner will be allowed to schedule intentions for up to 6 Masses, 2 of those may be on weekends. The remaining will be scheduled during the weekdays closest to your requested date. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

The Conneaut Food Pantry is in need of basic food items. Donations can be left in the back of the churches or taken to the Human Resources Center on Mill St.

Parish Participation – As good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, we all should contribute in some way toward building up the Body and Blood of Christ at St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini. Our Faith Community offers multiple opportunities for service in liturgy, education, outreach and development. Please speak with Father Thomas or a member of the Staff to determine how your talents may best serve the Church.

Wheels of Love Do you know someone who has been deprived of their ability to walk due to illness or disease? If so “Hope on Wheels” can help your loved ones regain their confidence and their independence with a power wheelchair or scooter. “Hope on Wheels” helps seniors with mobility limitations to receive a power wheelchair or scooter paid by Medicare. FMI call 1-866-631-3028.

The Sisters of Notre Dame offer a Prayer Line Ministry. Your intentions will be remembered in prayer each day by calling 440-279-1163. A sister will receive your call, Mon-Fri, 10:00am-4:00pm; at other times the answering service will be available. All requests will be remembered in prayer.

Posted in the back of each of the Churches are lists of members of the Pastoral Planning Council, Finance Council and the Worship Committee. Feel free to approach any of the members with any questions or comments regarding the committees and their activities.

Volunteers are needed to assist in various areas of the RCIA process as catechists, sponsors, greeters and hospitality, as well as for Pre-Catechumenate, Mystagogia and the Sunday dismissal rite. If you feel called to be of service this coming year, please call Father Thomas or Sister Barbara at 599-8570 FMI.

Don't let the IRS tax your IRA – If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of St. Mary and/or St. Frances Cabrini, you may be surprised to learn that a new law allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed.

For a free brochure that describes the provisions of the *Pension Protection Act of 2006*, call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development & Stewardship, at 330/744-8451 ext. 325 or email Mr. Palombo at patpal@cboss.com