

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

May 5 – May 13, 2007

Weekend Masses:

SFC

Saturday May 5 Easter Weekday
10:00am First Communion
Cross Thomas by Steve Wassie
Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00pm *Keith Bennett*
by Christine Piedrohita & grandson, Joe Bennett

Sunday May 6 Fifth Sunday of Easter
STM 8:00am *Charles Elliott* by Betty Elliott
Pro-populo (For the People)

SFC 11:00am *Anthony J. Arcaro* by Wife & Children

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

STM

Monday May 7 Easter Weekday
7:30am *Mike & Elizabeth Bartone* by Family

Tuesday May 8 Easter Weekday
7:30am *Mass for Life*

SFC

Wed. May 9 Easter Weekday
7:30am *Hank Castrilla & Joe Parlongo* by Family

Thursday May 10 Blessed Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest
7:30am *Christopher Coppola* by Coppola Family

Friday May 11 Easter Weekday
7:30am *Communion Service*

Weekend Masses:

SFC

Saturday May 12 Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00pm *Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parishes*

Sunday May 13 Sixth Sunday of Easter

STM 8:00am *Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parishes*

SFC 11:00am *Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parishes*
Pro-populo (For the People)

The **Bill Kinney Rosary for Peace** begins this Sunday, May 6 and continues through all Sundays in May at 7:00pm at St. Mary Church. The rosary will also be prayed on all Sundays in August at SFC and October at STM.

Reminder: Members of the *St. Vincent dePaul Society* will be accepting donations following Mass. All donations will benefit children and their families in need in the Conneaut area.

The **Cara Mia Club** will have their Mothers Day dinner at 5pm Wednesday, May 9 at Basil's. All members and guests are invited to attend.

The **Postal Food Drive** to benefit the Conneaut Food Pantry will be held Saturday, May 12. Letter carriers will pick up your bags/boxes of canned and/or boxed foods. No glass jars, please. Foods may also be taken directly to the Conneaut Human Resources Center.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

St. Frances Cabrini

For the Eternal Rest of:

Mary Pizzi

by Dorothy Arcaro

Anthony J. Arcaro

by Wife & Children

Carmen & Christopher Coppola

by Coppola Family

Alfred & Anna Monday

by Mike Palagyi

St. Mary

For the Eternal Rest of:

Keith, Bea & Patty Bennett & Parents

by Clara Jean Bennett

This Week

Sunday, May 6

8:30-12:30

Parish Breakfast, SFC Hall

7:00pm

The Bill Kinney Rosary for Peace,
STM Church

Monday, May 7

4:30pm

"Time with Thomas"

Guest: Rev. Chuck Graham

WWOW Radio 1360AM

4:30-6:30pm

Parish Dinner, SFC Hall

6:30-8:00pm

Bible Study, Parish Offices

Breezeway

Tuesday, May 8

7:00pm

L.E.A.F. Mtg., 1st United Methodist

Wednesday, May 9

6:30pm

Lector Training, SFC Church

Thursday, May 10

5:00pm

Ladies Guild Dinner, SFC Hall

Saturday, May 12

11:00am

Ryan Ansbro presented Eagle Scout

Award, Reception to follow,

SFC Hall

Scripture Readings, May 13

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

John 14: 23-29 (57)

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,000 Actual \$5601.50 Env. 245

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$264,000 Actual \$255,710.88 (\$8,289.12)

Thank you for your generosity.

2007 Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

“Whatsoever you do...”

A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who made a commitment to the 2007 Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. To date 29 of 470 St. Mary Church families and 29 of 483 St. Frances Cabrini Church families have responded. However, we need the support of all members if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$23,541.41 for St. Mary Church and \$19,370.65 for St. Frances Cabrini. If you have not responded to the 2007 Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, please do so at this time using the Commitment Envelopes available in the Church pews or by sending your commitment to the Parish Offices. We will personally be contacting parishioners who have not yet responded to the Appeal.

“Time with Thomas” –WWOW Radio program every Monday at 4:30pm. Tune in to 1360 AM. Father’s guest will be Rev. Chuck Graham from the First United Methodist Church.

The **Monthly Parish Dinner** is 4:30-6:30pm this Monday, May 7 featuring Swiss Steak. Come join us for good food and fellowship!

There are several areas available for anyone who would like to start a **Memory Garden** on the Church grounds. You would be responsible to plant, weed, water and maintain the garden area. Call the Parish Offices if you are interested.

A wonderful way to increase your devotion and participation at weekly Mass is to serve as a **Lector or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**. If you think you would like to join either one of these ministries please attend one of the following meetings. Lectors will meet Wed. May 9 at 6:30 and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will meet on Thurs. May 17 at 6:30 - both at SFC Church. If you are interested but unable to make the meeting please call the Parish Offices at 599-8570. These meetings are for new ministers only.

If you would be willing to **video tape** a weekend Mass (perhaps once a month) for viewing on our local cable television station please call Linda Kehoe at the Parish Offices. Video equipment has been donated to the parishes for this use.

Reminder: Bulletin information or public announcement for various groups/organizations needs to be sent to the Parish Offices by Wednesday each week.

Interested in becoming a Catechist? A methods course will be offered at Mt. Carmel, Ashtabula, Mondays, June 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 6:30-9:00pm. The 10 hour course may be applied toward certification as a catechist. Please contact Sr. Barbara for more information.

Respect Life: In the face of every human being, and still more if tried and disfigured by sickness, shines the Face of Christ, who said: “As you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me” (MT 25:40). *Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Sick, 2-11-07*

This weekend at all the Masses we will be passing around a clip board and asking for volunteers to sign up for **The L.E.A.F. (Loving Equally All Families) Project** this summer, July 14, 16-21, 2007. We are a group of Christians coming together to serve our community under the guidance of the Lord by helping with the repair and renovation of homes within our city. You may sign up to work a job site, help with devotions/programs, food preparation, administrative duties/phone calling, yard work, basic cleaning, etc. Give prayerful consideration as to how you may be of service in this worthwhile project.

May and Mary – A number of devotions to the Blessed Mother are being planned during the month of May at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Ashtabula. On May 9 Fr. Andrew Deskevich of the Byzantine Rite will help us enter the world of Eastern tradition **Icons of Mary**. Come and bring a friend!

Summer Volunteer Opportunities – *The Sisters of Notre Dame* invite women ages 18-40 to participate in a five-day program of summer service with the sisters. Summer options include: an inner-city elementary school and Bible camp, a crisis care center for children, and a rural camp for migrant workers and their families. These opportunities are available in Cleveland and surrounding areas in May and July, and in Los Angeles, CA in August. FMI visit www.sndchardon.org or contact Sister Kathleen Hine by phone at 440/279-1194.

Church of the Assumption in Geneva is holding their **Tenth Annual Share the Bounty Rummage Sale** on Sat. May 19 from 9am-4pm and Sun, May 20 from 9am – 2pm. Proceeds will be sent to help the needy in El Salvador.

The **Conneaut Optimist Club** will honor people 90 years and older with a luncheon at the Villa at the Lake on Saturday, May 19. Gathering will start at noon with lunch served at 1:00pm. Proclamations will be handed out after lunch. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Churches.

The Drama Club of Sts. John & Paul is holding a **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, May 13th from 8:30am to 1:00pm in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$5.00. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & juice. All are welcome.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the country. Having a loving, caring adult in a child's life is undeniably powerful. If this sounds like a ministry for you please call 997-9125.

If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary in 2007, you are cordially invited to a special Mass at 2pm on Sunday, June 10 at St. Columba Cathedral. **The Wedding Anniversary Celebration** includes: Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for couples and their families. FMI call the Parish Offices. Registrations must be in by May 18. There will be another Anniversary Celebration Mass in October if you're unable to attend the one in June.

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

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.

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.

Diocesan Vocations Website – www.youngstownvocations.org You may 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.

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.

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

Is memory loss touching your life? Call the Alzheimer's Association 800-441-3322 for more information about where to begin if memory loss is touching your life.

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.

Hope on Wheels 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Office. Because of **The Patient Privacy Act**, this information is not disseminated by any institutions to the Parish. You must contact Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or the Parish Office directly.

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.

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