

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7

4:00pm Ted Moeglin by Marcela & Barbara Frustaci

6:00pm Gary Phillips by Bob & Joanne Cinson

Sunday, May 8—(Ascension) 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Michael Canestraro by John Dunlap Family

Monday, May 9

8:00am SFX Mary Romano by Helen Eberhardt

Tuesday, May 10—St. Damien de Veuster

9:00am SG Edward S. Koniecko by Family

Wednesday, May 11

8:00am SFX Martin Albright by Margaret Drag & Family

Thursday, May 12—Sts Nereus & Achilleus

9:00am SG Joan Nicolet by Friends

Friday, May 13

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, May 14

4:00pm Frank & Mary Romano by David & Molly Romano

6:00pm Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Sunday, May 15—Pentecost

8:30am SFX John Cinson by Sam & Kathy Pirolozzi

10:30 am SG Mary Petros by Don & Sally Karlen

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on May 1, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,806.75; Loose \$351; Cap. Improve. \$75; New Hall \$580; Ascension \$22.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,037; Loose \$194; Extra Ordinary Bldg Fund \$197; New Hall \$1,380; Home Missions \$5; Ascension \$10.

PARISH SUPPORT: Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. This will help us with our new bookkeeping system initiated by the Diocese and also enable us to give you an accurate statement at the end of the year for your accounting and tax preparations. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Church Hall Fund., which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.



NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON, Sponsored St. Gabriel CWC, will be Wed. May 25 at 12 Noon in the Annex meeting rooms of St. Gabriel. All seniors

from both St. Francis and St. Gabriel are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex of either church.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Fran Montella

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Patricia Burman, Ivette Martinez, Jerry Nicolet

Eldercare: Mildred Rennier, Shirl Bonar; Joe Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing: Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:

For the prayer list for **St. Francis**, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; For **St. Gabriel**, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED: Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, 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.

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (2016) will be July 11—July 15 this year. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS: There is an envelope in your packet for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Please consider a donation to this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our (arch) diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship and witness.

We pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers, May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose children have left home; For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good.



“Come Together, Build Our Future, “Leave a Legacy”

Help keep the momentum growing. Support
The Pledge Drive Phase for a New “Parish Hall”.

“Pledge Drive” Phase

Target Goal” **97.4%** Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 05/3/2016:

\$269,142.05 Pledges & Gifts

\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships

\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships

\$ 11,933.00 Memorial Donations.

\$340,825.05 [Note: Pledge Goal is \$350,000]



Dear Parishioners, Family Members, Visitors, and Friends: Please help our dream to become a reality!

As many of you are aware, the original quonset hut hall at St. Francis has served us well for over 65 years and has reached the stage of being beyond repair. The only viable solution is to replace the existing structure. For the past 15 years St. Francis and St. Gabriel have been served by one pastor. It makes great sense for our two parishes to work together for our future growth and development. We are anxiously awaiting the drawings from the architect in order to proceed with our plans for a new hall in 2016. The Pledge Goal Phase is only one source of funding for our project. Part Two is the Savings & Fund Raisers



which are earmarked in our “Building Fund” and, Part Three will require a Bank Loan to cover any unpaid pledges and any amount needed to complete our project. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality: A Pledge, a One Time Gift, Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteering of time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift. **Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, or by calling Parish Office. KEEP THE MOMENTUM GROWING!**

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN. Items needed:

May 14/15 Canned fruits & vegetables

May 21/22 paper products (necessities)

MOMENTS OF MERCY:



Pope Francis' catechesis drew inspiration from the Gospel reading that speaks of the Last Supper and of Jesus' promise to the Apostles. He explained that the Spirit would remember the teachings of Jesus in various concrete circumstances of life, so as to be able to put them into practice. That, he said, is precisely what is happening in the Church today, the Church is guided by the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit so that the Lord can bring the gift of salvation to everyone, the love and the mercy of God.

The Pope urged the faithful to read a passage from the Gospel every day and reminded us that we are not alone: “Jesus is near us, among us, within us!” He said the Holy Spirit, who poured into us through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, acts as a guide in our lives, directing us in the way we think, in the way we act, helping us distinguish good from bad. It helps us to practice the charity of Jesus. And reiterating that we are not alone, the Pope said the sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit is also in the peace that Jesus gives to his disciples. The Pope concluded his catechesis saying that every disciple who is called to follow Jesus carrying the cross, receives the peace of the Risen Christ in the certainty of his victory, and in expectation of his coming.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” REVELATIONS 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be his witnesses, mindful of the great hope to which we are called.

Please Note: This Feast is celebrated forty days after Easter (Thursday) as a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. However, for most of the United States it has been moved to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in order that we might not lose the significance of this day, with the following exceptions: the Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York (state), Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia, where it is still observed on Thursday.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: The next minister schedule will run from June 1 through September 30, 2016. If there special dates that you are not available, please write them down and send them in to the office via collection basket, mail, or drop off at the office.

BANS OF MATRIMONY

III. Megan Karcher Jeffery & Branson Coleman 5/14/16

II. Sarah Gillis & Maximilian Crookston

(at St. Augustine, Barberton, Oh) 5/27/16

DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS.

“We are happy to report that the good people of St. Gabriel and St. Francis parishes are answering the call in support of the 2016 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign, **“Give to the Most High as he has given to you.”** This is most encouraging but we have a ways to go to realize 100% participation of our parishes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge, please use the Appeal Envelope found in the Advance Gifts mailing, on the bulletin table in narthex of each church, or by calling the parish office. The needs of our diocese and individual parishes are great and only by the support of the faithful can the various ministries and programs remain available to so many. This year our Parish Goal to the D/PSC Campaign for **St. Francis is \$21,452** and **St. Gabriel’s is \$22,568** and **any amount generated over our goal will be returned to our parishes.**

Any gift will be appreciated. **God Bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!** Fr. Victor Cinson

2016 GRADUATING STUDENTS of both parishes will be honored at Mass on Sunday May 22 at both the 8:30am Mass at St. Francis and the 10:30am Mass at St. Gabriel. Please come in your cap and gown for the Mass. If you plan to attend, please contact the church office at 33-868-4498.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONCERNS: Habitat for Humanity has approached the local area churches to assist with constructing a home for a local family. St. Gabriel and St. Francis were given two dates, May 21st and July 16th. On May 21st we will need roughly 8 people to help with siding. On July 16th, we will need about 6 people to help with trim work. The typical day begins around 8:30am with a safety talk, a break at 10:00 am for meditation, lunch around noon and the day finishes around 2:30pm. If anyone is interested in helping, they can call Ryan Irwin at 330-205-5475. I will have an address to the location where we will be working.

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES: St. Agnes parish in Mingo Junction is offering a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and other important religious shrines in France and Spain from Tues. Oct. 4 to Thurs. Oct 13. The total cost is \$3,299/double occupancy, which includes air travel from Pittsburgh and all ground transportation, hotels etc. If interested in attending, please call Fr. Jim Dunfee at St. Agnes Parish office 740-535-1491 or email him at frjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY The Thursday evening Bible Study continues with the Book of Revelation. Join us on Thursdays in the annex rooms of St. Gabriel from 7-8:30 pm. For more information contact Pete & Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

K OF C COUNCIL #11380 Super Cash Bonanza Tickets for sale (**last chance this weekend**). The proceeds are used for: the PSR appreciation dinner, the First Communion Prayer Books, and other Parish projects that promote the Catholic Faith in both churches. The cost of each ticket is \$5 and the drawing will be held on Sat. May 21. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER will be held Wed. evening May 11 at 6pm in the St. Gabriel church social hall. All ladies of **both parishes** are encourage to attend. Please use the Sign-Up sheets in the narthex of either church.

PSR SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

Sunday: May 8th -NO PSR Classes- **Mother's Day**

Sunday: May 15th - Last day of PSR with May Crowning ceremony

Sunday: May 22nd: Graduation Mass for HS Graduates at St Francis 8:30am, and St Gabriel 10:30am.

MOTHER OF HOPE CWC COOKBOOK: Our (CWC) units are collecting recipes for a “Mother of Hope Cookbook”. Mother of Hope Deanery CWC is our area of the Diocesan Catholic Women’s Club. Please submit your favorite family recipe. The recipe cannot be from an already published cookbook. It needs to be original. Forms to submit your recipes can be found in the narthex of either church. Please place your recipe in the box no later than June 5 to get it printed in the cookbook.

MISPLACED YOUR BULLETIN? Can’t remember what day and time the meeting is that you wanted to attend? No worries, check out our website at: stgabriel-stfrancis.org. The web site has the weekly bulletin and more!

MONSIGNOR MOLLOY SCHOLARSHIP: The K of C Council #11380 is offering a scholarship 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 Church or a Catholic High School**. You must be attending a Catholic Institution of Higher learning in the fall of 2016. You will find applications on the desk in the narthex of both churches. **Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, May 8, 2016.**



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St. Francis 330- 863-0760

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

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.**



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ’s passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or “Way of Light,” has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the apostles’ wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE: We have a special ecclesiastically approved low-gluten(0.01%) host available for any with glucose intolerance (celiac disease). Please inform the ushers **before** Mass begins. Those receiving this special host should come forward in the line in which the priest is distributing the Eucharist.



The Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2016