

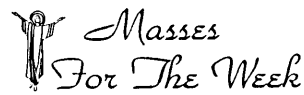


God took the fragrance  
of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of  
morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty  
of the twilight hour...  
The soul  
of a starry night...  
The laughter of a  
rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird  
in flight...  
Then God fashioned  
from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his  
masterpiece was through  
He called it simply -  
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

*In Honor of Our Mothers*

## A Word from your Pastor:



Dear Parishioners:

Over the next several months, the Diocese of Columbus will be guiding us through the process of reviewing the results of our recent survey and other data that has been pulled together about our parishes. This will provide a solid basis for us to make future decisions about how to move forward as disciples of the Lord. Each of the parishes of our consortium has a team of leaders who will work together to study the information supplied and to communicate with the wider parish about the next steps.

Since I have been a priest, we have undergone processes like this several times. This time around, I have been impressed with the effort that has gone into making sure that this is truly grounded in real parish experience. The surveys have been "tested" throughout the United States. The company that is coordinating the process has direct involvement in discerning directions that incorporate feedback from the people who will be directly affected. I thank you for your part in responding to the survey over Lent. I also look forward to the input of each leadership group in the parishes of our consortium as we discover what needs to be done by each of us and by all of us together.

In the meantime, I want to thank those who have responded to the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2021. The good news is that we have not been delayed in our start of this process this year. I encourage every family in all of our parishes to participate. Any amount that you choose to pledge and contribute is welcome. Bishop Brennan has been in our area quite a bit this year and we are looking forward to his presence over the next few months. This is our opportunity to let him and the Diocese of Columbus know that we are part of a wider Church family and are willing to do our part.

*Rev. Timothy M. Hayes*

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Pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Last weekend we kicked off the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **Week 1** we have received **22 pledges** totaling **\$12,169.00**. We are off to a good start!

Our goal this year is \$42,989 which is down from last year's \$43,840. Last year (which we would all like to forget), we brought in \$27,455. This amount was not out of the norm for previous years. To give some perspective, we had around 35% participation rate. The average gift was \$211.

If every family gave \$100 (less than \$10 a month), we would basically meet this goal. Last year, 80 of the 130 families that participated met or exceeded this amount; 36 exceeded it.

The mechanics of the appeal are just like last year...drop the envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the diocese, or go online.

Thank you in advance for your support, both prayers and financial. If you have any questions, the parish point of contact is Rich Arnold, 210-854-8509.

### **ALL MASSES ARE HELD IN CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

#### **MONDAY, May 10**

8:30 a.m. Lori Waigand by Ruth Regano (Fr. Milton)

#### **TUESDAY, May 11**

8:30 a.m. Kelly A. Chandler by Joan Harper & Family (Fr. Milton)

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 12**

**No Service at St. Mary Chillicothe**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Church

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly

#### **THURSDAY, May 13**

8:30 a.m. Diane Lewe by Eileen Lovensheimer (Fr. Milton)

#### **FRIDAY, May 14**

8:30 a.m. Ralph Vance by William J. Houk (Fr. Hayes)

9:30 a.m. (Mass at Bishop Flaget School – Not open to the public – Can be viewed on Bishop Flaget's Website)

#### **SATURDAY, May 15**

5:00 p.m. Diane Lewe by Lucille Nichols & Mary Kay Eltzroth (Fr. Hayes)

#### **SUNDAY, May 16**

10:00 a.m. For the People of the Ross & Pike County Consortium (Fr. Hayes)



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**TO ALL THE MOTHERS OF**

**ST. MARY PARISH**

### **RED FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST**

We will be celebrating the great Feast of Pentecost on May 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to donate red flowering annuals for our Mass, please leave them on the back porch of the office building Friday, May 21st or by noon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our goal is to have the rebedos in the sanctuary blooming in a sea of red! On Monday evening (5/24/21) anyone who would like to help plant the annuals around our campus is welcome to join Delma Rouleau at 6:00 p.m. Packets of geraniums, impatiens, petunias, etc, are greatly appreciated. Let's make our campus vibrant for Memorial Day with the color of the Holy Spirit!

### **I WISH TO EXPRESS MY "HEART"-FELT APPRECIATION**

for the many cards, expressions of concern and your prayers.

These are all very encouraging to me in this difficult time. Praying for you on my journey to recovery.

In Christ, Deacon Hauser.



*Thank You*

### **PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

As more parishioners are returning to church, we want to remind you the offertory envelopes are in the gathering space of the church. Please pick yours up, if you haven't already.

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS**

<b><u>Month – April 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Cumulative Year To Date</u></b>	
<b>Families served</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>Assistance given</b>	<b>\$2,649.67</b>	<b>\$60,154.99</b>

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### OFFERTORY REPORT – May 2, 2021

Average Weekly Offering	\$6965.79
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$7500.00
Regular Collection	\$4247.50
Online Offertory	<u>2573.23</u>
Total Regular Offertory	\$6820.73
Online Other	\$659.00
Bishop Flaget School	\$731.00
Church Maintenance	115.50
St. Vincent de Paul	40.00
St. Margaret Cemetery	30.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	25.00
Easter	15.00
Good Friday	10.00

Please consider mailing in your offertory to the church office at: 61 S. Paint St., Chillicothe, OH 45601 OR by setting up an online offertory account.

*It is a generous and joyful giving of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe.*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### May 16, 2021 – Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Columbus Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**DO YOU LOVE PRIESTS?** Come grow with us! We are looking for new members for the Serra Club. Serra is a lay organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to fostering vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life for the Diocese of Columbus. We need your love, energy and support! For more information call Mary Pardi- Serra Club Downtown, 614-284-8019, [vlahkismary@gmail.com](mailto:vlahkismary@gmail.com) or Colleen Lewis – Serra Club of North Columbus 614-459-4820, [colleel@stgabrielradio.com](mailto:colleel@stgabrielradio.com).

### UPCOMING SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:

>>**Confirmation:** Sunday, June 13 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There are 16 students receiving Confirmation, **so most likely we will limit the attendance to just the student, sponsor and parents.** The Mass will be live streamed.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** Michael Lapurga is a Boy Scout from Troop 14 and has been a member of St. Mary's for his entire life. He is currently working on becoming an Eagle Scout and his project involves building blessing boxes for St. Mary's and St. Peter's parishes for people to donate food to those in need. He is asking for donations from St. Mary's parishioners to fund the box for this parish. Michael's goal is around \$300, so every bit helps! Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office in the next few weeks. Please label any donations "Blessing Box C/O Michael Lapurga". Thank you!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF:** Bet Adare, Jeanette Anders, Joyce Ater, Sheila Austin, Mary Betts, Ed Bohn, Steve Bruce, Mark Cooper, Steve Cooper, Greg Davis, McKenzie Deal, Joyce DeLong, Cheryl Dennis, Mary Kay Eltzroth, Chase Eyre, Shirley Gillfillan, Betty Ginther, Mark Gray, Norma Gray, Michael Hathaway, Skip Hathaway-Givens, Deacon Reed Hauser, Barbara Herlihy, Shirley Irwin, Art Jones, Ashley Jones Conrad, Christy Jones, Bill Kaltenbach, Heather Keesee, Kaiser Keesee, John Kennedy, Jr., Ann Klinker, Judy Lanning, Clarice Littler, Eileen Lovensheimer, Marsha Lutz, Hank & Jean Malone, Katie McCune, Jan Menefee, Amanda Miller, Ted Montgomery, James Newsome, Lucille Nichols, Max Putnam, Pat Reed, Jonathan Rouleau, John Rourke, Linda Rourke, Keipher Scott, Kathy Senff, Bill Search, Bryant Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Christy Smith, Tom Stanhope, Allen Struensee, Matt Sutherland, Richard Tippie, Laura Vollmar, Louise von Clausburg.  
*(Please update the church office when someone is able to be taken off the prayer list.)*

### MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF May 15 & 16, 2021

#### Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Server: P Huggins  
Lector: C Kessler

#### Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Server: J Littler  
Lector: D Neal

Altar Linens for May: K Boesch

## **PARISH NOTES**

### St. Mary Church in Chillicothe

St. Mary Parish responded to the survey by returning 160 surveys: 139 online and 21 on paper. This is 48% of 331 parishioners according to diocesan statistics. This is an amazing response! We can be confident that we will receive good data to work with.

### St. Peter Church in Chillicothe

St. Peter Parish responded to the survey by returning 201 surveys: 159 online and 42 on paper. This is 46% of 436 parishioners according to diocesan statistics. The national average has been 10% response, so we can be confident that our members are engaged and the information will be solid.

We congratulate our First Communion class who received Jesus for the first time last week. May God keep them always close to the Sacraments and to the Good Shepherd.

### St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, in Waverly

St. Mary Queen of the Missions Parish responded to the survey by returning 64 surveys: 61 online and 3 on paper. This is 70% of 92 parishioners according to diocesan statistics. This response is astounding! The biggest surprise, however, was not that the parish responded in such a great percentage. We know that our parish son, Fr. Adam Streitenberger, is one of the dynamos of the diocesan effort. Besides that, this is a small parish that is incredibly generous in participation. The biggest surprise was that there were only 3 paper surveys and that everyone else responded online!

**CUSTODIAN NEEDED to work** at least 20 hours per week at **St. Peter Church**, Chillicothe. More hours are possible as projects arise. Duties include keeping church and parish center clean and sanitized, parish campus exterior clean and tidy including mowing grass, raking leaves, snow/ice removal from sidewalks. Occasional small maintenance items such as electrical and plumbing projects at times, and other items as needed and authorized by the pastor or office manager. Prior to start of work, a BCI/FBI background check must be completed as well as attendance at a Protecting God's Children Safe Environment training. Hourly wage range \$15-\$17 per hour. Full time hours possible once Covid restrictions are lifted by the State and Diocese. Benefits available at 30+ hours per week. Send resume along with three references to St. Peter Church, Attn: Jenny French, 285 W. Water St.

## **BISHOP FLAGET NEWS**

**As we near the end of the school year**, we want to thank everyone who has supported us financially and spiritually through this past year. We have bridged our financial gap caused by the loss of bingo as well as reaching 95% of our HVAC goal.

**Congratulations to Mason Brown and Alyssa Dudley** for earning Superior ratings at District Science Fair. They will go on to compete in the virtual State Science Fair.

**Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year** is going strong! Some classes are on waiting lists, so contact the school as soon as possible if you are interested in enrolling your child. Tuition assistance is available! Feel free to call (740)774-2970 or email [tfahnestock@cducation.org](mailto:tfahnestock@cducation.org) with any questions or to enroll.

**We are looking to hire a classroom aide** for the 2021-2022 school year. Candidates should have a high school diploma and will need to undergo a background check and complete Protecting God's Children upon hiring. If interested, please email your qualifications to [tfahnestock@cducation.org](mailto:tfahnestock@cducation.org).



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