

May 22, 2022

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:31-35



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am
Weekdays..... 8:30am

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF May 7 & 8
Attendance 325**

**Collection for April 30 & May 1
\$6,138.00 Includes E-Giving**

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK

Thank you to everyone who walked or donated to this year's walk. With your generous support, our St. Henry's team collected \$1,315!

MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who brought items in last weekend. We collected 80 packages of baby wipes, 27 large boxes & 60 packages of diapers. These items will be distributed this week to CoNSERNS U, Doors of Hope, Joseph's House, and St. Paul's Center.

SUMMER FUN

TRI-CITY VALLEY CATS

St. Henry's has tickets for Faith and Family Night at the Valley Cats on Friday, June 3. Seats are located behind the net between Home Plate and Third Base. Cost is \$12. per "loaded ticket", which includes admission plus \$5.00 loaded value to be used at concession stands, kiosks, or in Southpaw's Den. Just 15 tickets are still available. Please call the office at 674-3818 if you are interested. Why not join your parish family for some summer fun?

CHAIR-EASY YOGA 6 SESSIONS LEFT

Some of the Diabetes Support Group attended Chair Yoga sessions during the Spring of 2021, benefitting from the exercise and relaxation techniques presented by Keri Stern. Keri has agreed to hold 8 classes at St. Henry's Community Room, beginning on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:15 and running for 45 minutes, until 6:00. The offering per person will be \$68. for 8 weekly sessions.

There will be ample room for social distance precautions.

Please call the office (518-674-3818) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! St. Henry's Parish Picnic will be **July 10th from 11:30am to 5:00pm**, at North Greenbush Dedrick Town Park.

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to call home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 26th is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00pm

Thursday, May 26, 8:30am

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to say "Congratulations" to all of our candidates who received their First Communion on Saturday, May 7th. God Bless you all!

Chance Joseph Baron

Kyler David Benyo

Colton Brooks

Shaelynn Abigail Cahill

Lillian Dineen Demers

Jack Henry Fil

Adalynn Rose Fleming

Blayne Howard Fleming

Landon James Gamache

Dominic James Gibson

Keegan Heritage

Frank Michael Jennes

Declan William McElwee

Adalynn Anne Milkiewicz

Samantha Lee Petropol

Madigan Alyse Robilotta

Taylor Eileen Robilotta

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our youth are the future of the church. Without faith what do we really have in our lives? A very important part of our job as a community is to pass that faith on to our children. Without catechists to guide our youth we may lose them in the future. **We ask that you take the time to consider volunteering to be a catechist for faith formation.** There are many other ways to volunteer as well. The commitment might seem large, but the benefit will last our youth forever. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Tripp at 518-674-3818.

Please Note - The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

DEACON BOB'S CORNER

REVELATION 21:1-5a by Mary M. McGlone

We might see this as a description of John's utopia — except that utopia means no place and John's vision clearly describes a real place: the transformed Jerusalem at the center of the new creation. Some scholars make the intriguing suggestion that this holy city is not so much a dwelling place for the saints as it is the atmosphere created by the relationships among the saints with one another and with God. Scripture scholar Grant Osborne, in the book *Revelation*, cites various authors who say that John is describing the future state of the saints, not their home. That idea suggests that these verses describe theosis, the divinization of humanity brought into union with God.

Whether John wants to denote a place or a way of being together, he is describing the ultimate destiny of creation in union with God. Whereas the apocalyptic elements of the Book of Revelation — dragons, beasts and the like — may seem the stuff of fantasy fiction, John's description of the new Jerusalem invites us into realistic and hopeful contemplation.

John says that the new Jerusalem comes down, meaning that its origin is in God. Saying that it is like a bride prepared for her husband emphasizes the mutuality of the relationship between God and the people. God awaits the people's response just as people in love wait for one another's response because only thus can they grow in genuine union.

God's union with humanity in this new reality is neither guardianship nor companionship but an indwelling. This is the fulfillment of creation and specifically of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: "I pray ... that they may all be one ... that they also may be in us" (John 17:20-21). The new Jerusalem symbolizes the transformation of all creation, what Teilhard de Chardin called the Omega Point, an existence in which God will be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28).

As we near the end of the Easter season, John's vision of the new Jerusalem as our future in God deserves profound attention. As we contemplate this as the future God holds out to us, we will begin to understand how to so desire it that we will be open to the grace to live into it.



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16

8:30AM For the People

Tuesday, May 17

8:30AM Paula DeFrancesco—Husband

Wednesday, May 18

8:30AM For the People

Thursday, May 19

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, May 20

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 21

4:00 PM Floyd Ernest—Family
The Wimmer Family—Steve Coffey
George Murin—Family

Sunday, May 22

8:00 AM Kevin Munn—The Giddis Family

10:00 AM Theresa Zullo—Marie & Joe Johnson

Monday, May 23

8:30AM For the People

Tuesday, May 24

8:30AM For the People

Wednesday, May 25

8:30 AM For the People

Thursday, May 26

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, May 27

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 28

4:00 PM Floyd Ernest—Family
The Wimmer Family
George Murin—Family

Sunday, May 29

8:00 AM Kevin Munn

10:00 AM Theresa Zullo—Joe & Marie Johnson

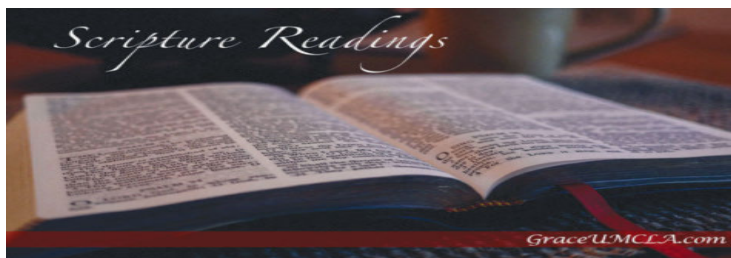
Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room

Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel

Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm

If you would like to help prepare a meal quarterly for Joseph's House or monthly for Damien Center please call Lynn Waterman at 518-674-3377 or 518-469-8687



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 5/21 & 5/22

1. Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29
2. Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
3. John 14:23-29

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 5/28 & 5/29

1. Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
2. Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
3. John 17:20-26

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/03 & 6/04

1. Genesis 11:1-9
2. Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
3. John 7:37-39



Saturday, May 21

4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors Dave Helwig and Jackie Tremont

Counters

Sunday, May 22

8:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors Jim Colton and Chris Hough

Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors Gretchen Schulz and Mark Frost

Counters

Saturday, May 28

4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors Bill Petley and Jean Chenette

Counters

Sunday, May 29

8:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors Theresa Schmid and Mike Hayes

Counters

10:00am

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Lectors Stephanie Hayes and Mary K Lettko

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