

Christ Our Light Parish

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Chapel and continues from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church. **BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays, inserts a week early, and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Live-Streamed Mass every day. "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH." **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS,

AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m. And by Appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

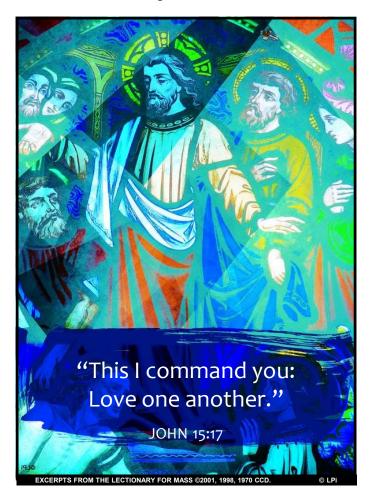
Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021



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Parish Offices	
Office Hours	
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AS IN OUR DIOCESAN GUIDELINES:

Everyone is <u>"STRONGLY ENCOURAGED</u> to wear face masks" at Mass and when in the church buildings. Please let us consider each others' concerns and health needs while attending Mass and times of prayer together.

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 9, 2021

Saturday, May 8	5:00pm	SB	† Rosalina Jacinto (Birthday) by Edna Dycoco
Sunday, May 9 (Sixtl	h Sunday of 8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	Easter) SB SB SSPP	People of Christ Our Light Parish † Tom Chappelear by Connie and Family † Carole Pekari by Friends
Monday, May 10	8:35am	SB	† Mike Long by Lila Webster
Tuesday, May 11	8:35am	SB	† Anne Hoffer by Mike and Nancy Hoffer
Wednesday, May 12	8:35am	SB	† Albert DeStephen by Dolly Sousaris
Thursday, May 13	8:35am 9:45am	SB SB	 † Deceased Members of the John and Mary Hodock Family by Clare Becker † Father Andrew Nugent by Estate (School Mass, not open to the public at this time)
Friday, May 14	8:35am	SB	† Allan Skeslock by Jim and Christine Larsen
Saturday, May 15	8:35am 5:00pm	SB SB	† William and Helen Coffey (Wedding Anniversary) by Family † Jim George by Deborah Galloway and Family
Sunday, May 16 (Th	e Ascension	of the I	Lord)
	8:00am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
	10:30am	SB	† Lorraine Hesson by Barb Mingione
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Ted Bailey by Richard and Helen Chesar

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, May 15-16, 2021				
	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Jacob Padden	Joe Miller	Gene Mailot	Greg Mitts
Ushers	Donald Poole	Victor Orange	Alan Bay	David Casasanta
Cantors	Folk Group	Ron Roby	Choir	



The Bereavement Haven

will meet next Sunday, May 16th, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall. If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join us in sharing and reflection.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, May 9
After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
11:45am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
12:15pm May Crowning at Mass (SSPP
Oratory)
Monday, May 10
9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
5:00pm Samaritan Center (SB Conference
Room)
7:00pm Finance Council Meeting (SB
Conference Room)
Tuesday, May 11
9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Rosary and
Meeting (Council Chambers)
Wednesday, May 12
9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
9:00am-4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel
4:00-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Continues
(SB <u>Church</u>)
4:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
(SB Church)
Thursday, May 13
9:00am Rosary (SB Marian Room)
Friday, May 14
9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
Saturday, May 15
9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
11:00am K of C Golf Clinic Informational
Mtg. (K of C Council Chambers)
4:00pm Confession (SB Church)
Sunday, May 16
After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
11:45am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
2:30pm Bereavement Haven (SB Social
Hall)

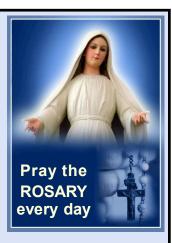
Congratulations to the students who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May they continue to grow and love Jesus more with each passing day. Bentley Patrick Bonnell Sophie Noel Callahan Luke Aaron Feldner Coleman James Franklin Lilliana Kathleen Fry Braxx Jared Gibbs Genevieve Marie Hess

Ouillen Von Johnson

Noah James Nau

LIVING ROSARY

The Rosary is intended to bring us ever closer to Christ in humble devotion and sincere love. What makes this effective meditation on the mysteries so especially fruitful, however, is the fact that we combine it with prayer with Mary. We mediate



about the Lord's life while walking through a rose garden with the Blessed Mother. If you have yet to develop a relationship with your spiritual mother, Mary, the month of May — devoted to Our Lady is a great time to start or to increase your devotion. Here is a brief summary about the Living Rosary here at Christ Our Light Parish.

What is the Living Rosary?

The Living Rosary is a prayer group that requires a short, simple, daily commitment from the members. Parishioners form teams of five members, with each member individually praying one decade of the Rosary, so that each day the team completes a full Rosary. Each team will have one special intention for which they offer their decade in addition to prayer intentions of the members. Each member follows a calendar indicating the mystery to meditate on as they pray their decade, which can be prayed at any time. We have 13 Teams actively participating in the Living Rosary. Anyone may join our Living Rosary prayer group, and it would be best for younger children to be guided by an adult or older sibling.

Please contact me, Maria Duke, if you would like to join or know someone who has expressed interest in learning more about joining the Living Rosary.

"Show your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus."

> You may call me at: 740-260-0489 Thank you - once again! Maria Duke

May Crowning: Also on Sunday, May 9th, at Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory 12:15 p.m. Mass, we are looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with the Crowning of our dearly Beloved Blessed Virgin Mary. Hope you can join us in this beautiful "MAY DAY" celebration.



With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

> Monica Chicwak (Sister of Margie Miller)

Prayer S Requests

Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, home-bound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Justin Allen, Megan Archer, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Jon and Jeanie Bennett, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Kathy Billi, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, the Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mrs. Theresa Cochran, Andy Colvin, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Fran Frohman, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Betty Hill, Karen Jakubisin Hinrichs, Dolly Hitzel, Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally and Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, David and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Dennis Landingham, Amara Larrison, Martin Lehotay, Mary Long, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Haley Morris, Irvin Moxley, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, John Palmer, Dick and Frances Pavlov, Linda Pawlowski, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe and Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Margaret Urdak, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Theresa Welker, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don & Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others, especially those connected to our parish: Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Phillip



Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray

Please Pray for our Priests

May 9	Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon
May 10	Our Holy Father
May 11	Rev. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR
	Rev. Chester Pabin
May 12	Rev. Joshua Erickson
	Rev. Robert Gallagher
May 13	Rev. Joseph Martinkosky
	Msgr. Frederick Pasquinelli
May 14	Rev. Donald Calloway, MIC
	Rev. Virgil Reischman
May 15	Rev. Dale Tornes
	Rev. John Mucha
May 16	Rev. Timothy Davison
	Rev. Stephen Hwang, ec

FYI... Scheduling Masses

Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, **especially weekends**, should do so at least 6 months in advance. As of now, all <u>weekend</u> Masses are filled at St. Benedict through October 3, 2021 and Sts. Peter and Paul through October 17, 2021.

Table of Plenty

Suggested items for May are canned soup and mac & cheese Thank you for your generosity. Please place your donation in the marked box in the St. Benedict Church Marian Room.



The Chalkboard

St. Benedict School Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

The school year is on the homestretch with just three weeks to go. Preparations are being finalized for end-ofyear activities. We are excited that we will be able to have our 8th grade graduation Mass inside the Church this year.

We had a successful Kindergarten Screening this past Monday and enjoyed meeting our future Leps!

Our weekly school Mass was also held on Monday and we honored our Blessed Mother with the annual May Crowning at the end of Mass.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly McQuain who has accepted the Secretary position beginning next school year! Mrs. McQuain is very familiar with our school as all three of her children have attended here and she has been a vital committee chair for the Annual Auction in the past. Welcome Mrs. McQuain!

Please continue to pray for our students, staff and school as we journey through the remainder of this year with "Jesus as our Guide".

In His Name, Sue Sanders

SCHOOL JOB OPENING:

Long Term Kindergarten Substitute Teacher (August 16-October 14):

St. Benedict School is seeking a long term Kindergarten substitute teacher for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Candidate must hold valid State of Ohio teaching license, non-tax license or substitute license, be willing to take Safe Environment training, and pass BCI and FBI background checks.

Interested candidates should contact Sue Sanders at sue.sanders@omeresa.net or 740-432-6751.

OFFERTORY FOR MAY 1-2, 2021

Monthly Collection for Those in Need	2,074.00
Adults Children Miscellaneous Monthly Collection for Those in Need	

What IS Scrip?

You hear that Scrip is sold in the Marian Room each Sunday, but do you know what it is? Scrip is a gift card fundraiser for the school in which we have dozens of participating businesses. The gift cards are purchased by the Scrip Program at



a discounted price and sold at face value. The money earned goes to the school families to help with tuition and to the school to help with operating expenses as well as scholarships. Some families earn hundreds of dollars each year just by using the Scrip gift cards to shop for groceries, clothing, gas, gifts, and restaurants. You can safely swipe your gift cards at gas pumps or at the cash register without the risk of compromising your credit or debit cards. You can purchase gift cards at the Scrip table each Sunday in the Marian Room. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Forbes at 740-338-9061.

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #1641

Fridays, Beginning June 4 - August 6 (10 Weeks)

- 2 groups include ages 8-12 and 13-17
- League will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 12:00
 Noon
- The clinic will begin with 45 minutes of instruction
- We will discuss golf etiquette, basic rules and on-course management
- During the first 2 weeks, beginning golfers will learn the basics of grip, set-up, and full swing
- There will be handouts and golf favors
- Juniors must be accompanied by a parent, adult or guardian to help with social distancing!

An informational meeting will be held May 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the K of C Council Chambers.

For info or to register, call: Cliff (740-801-0457) or Mike (614-562-9061)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 16, 2021

The Ascension marks the end of the age when Christ physically walked among us and heralds the promise of the Spirit to come. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are called into discipleship and into mission. not an option for the church. We are commanded in the readings, "Go... you will be my witnesses..."

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. When have you experienced being "inspired" by the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 1:17-23

He puts all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body.

What teachings of the church do you find difficult to live with?

<u>Mark 16:15-20</u>

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

When the Lord returns, what will his judgement be for you?

The mission of the church is to evangelize.

The Gospel reading tells us that before Christ left his disciples physically, he commissioned them to preach and baptize in his name. This command is accompanied by the promise that Jesus will be with them always.

The passage from **Acts** tells us how they were able to do this. Jesus reminds the disciples of his promise to send his Spirit. Baptized in the Holy Spirit, they have the power to preach in the name of Jesus. Like love, evangelization is

Next week we will observe the Feast of the

Ascension. Historically observing remembrance of Jesus' ascension forty days after his resurrection was connected to the Jewish observance of Pentecost <u>fifty</u> days after Passover. That meant that the Ascension was usually observed on a Thursday. Recently, for practical reasons, we've been observing this feast on the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Why did Jesus ascend to Heaven after appearing to numerous people after his resurrection? Let us consider Jesus' words to St. Mary Madgalene, the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection, and, let us consider Jesus' command to his Apostles in next Sunday's Gospel from Mark 16.

When Mary Magdalene discovered that the person she thought was the gardener in the cemetery where Jesus had been buried was actually Jesus, she grabbed a hold of him with frightened joy! Perhaps it was the opposite of not wanting to be pinched lest we wake up in the middle of experiencing something surprisingly and truly good. Mary Magdalene did not want to let go of him who had given her new hope through his mercy and who now had so clearly conquered even the grave and death itself. Jesus then told her not to cling to him. Why? "For I have not yet ascended to the Father... I am going to my Father and your father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17). After Jesus' ascension, he sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. By this, they could have an even more profound relationship with Jesus. They, including St. Mary Magdalene, could have an <u>interior</u> relationship with Jesus.

So, it can be for us. Through the Holy Spirit we can have a relationship with Jesus that is more profound than if it was only an exterior relationship. One of the ways we can tap into the depths of that interior relationship with Jesus is by tapping into the level of who we <u>are</u> in Jesus, at the level of our identity. This can connect us with the Gospel for next week, from Mark 16, and Jesus' command for us to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

To put into practice the command of Jesus just before his ascension, let us bear in mind the relationship between who we <u>are</u>– as human <u>beings</u> and as Christians – and what we <u>do</u>. These thoughts echo commentary from <u>*Emmanuel*</u>, May-June 2015, p. 183, which is a journal with an emphasis on Eucharistic spirituality.



Sometimes in life it's easy to fall into the trap of valuing what we <u>do</u> as more important than who we <u>are</u>. In reality, the opposite is true: who we <u>are</u> ultimately determines what we <u>do</u>! Discovering who we are, in light of Jesus' resurrection, is a central theme of the Easter season.

These seven weeks of Easter teach us about who we are: God's beloved daughters and sons. We have been bought back from slavery to sin and from the culture of death, redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and given new life through the sacraments. In Baptism we are born again into life in Jesus, and we are also both adopted and grafted into the family of God. This new life is healed and strengthened through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance and nourished for growth through the Eucharist. We ask that by these gifts we may experience an interior relationship with Jesus that we can invite others to experience as well.

Pastor's Letter

Congratulations to Fr. Bob who a week ago, on May 1st, observed his 45th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I feel a little embarrassed but grateful that one of his chief ways of celebrating that anniversary this past week was to be available to cover parish responsibilities while I participated (as the main organizer) in the annual Diocese of Steubenville priests retreat at a retreat center near Akron. I'm continually grateful that Fr. Bob typically offers one or two of the weekend Masses each week and is there when I try to observe Fridays as a "day off." It's a tremendous blessing that we had that continuity of simply two pastors over 50 years with Msgr. Maher and Fr. Bob (with the parallel with Msgr. Yontz at Holy Trinity). Again, thank you, Fr. Bob, for your continued generosity to all of us here at Christ Our Light Parish in Guernsey County.

The annual retreat is often for me a welcome transition point from a busier schedule in the late autumn through just after Easter, especially when we have a Confirmation year. This year's retreat has had that effect, too. It was tremendous being able to have several days in a row of waking up without an alarm clock! I'm looking forward to being able to devote better attention to following up on requests and ministry – in addition to continuing to express gratitude to Pat Farley and Sue Sanders for their generous ministry in our parish as well.

This past week was also Teacher (and Administrator) Appreciation Week throughout the country. What a gift to encounter so many in our parish who have that gift of being educators, truly focused and enthusiastic (and persevering!) about handing on the spiritual gifts of knowledge, understanding, wisdom and counsel – truly focused on students ultimately "getting it" about various areas of study. Education is so different these days not only because of the pandemic but also from trying to adapt to so many sources of knowledge and formation through mass media and social media. God bless!

More appreciation, of course, goes to our mothers and maternal figures in our lives, as we observe Mother's Day this Sunday.

I was blessed to have several on-going conversations with my own mother this past week, in part due to the passing of one of her sisters, my Aunt Reenie. My mother was able to be there in Virginia supporting my aunt, my cousins and her family at the time of her passing. It is bittersweet to have those circumstances. My Aunt Reenie was a fun person to be with and had a genuine "southern hospitality" way of caring for us. That's a side of maternal care everyone should all be able to experience. That unconditional love and way of making you feel like you are always welcome and never a burden is a tremendous gift.

May the Lord help us to experience the transforming power of God's love and mercy! May we all experience continued Easter Season blessings!

Happy Mother's Day to all who have given a Mother's Love.

Thank you.

