

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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**"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"**

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF May 17, 2020

Saturday, May 16		+Helen Carson by Sharon Clemens
Sunday, May 17		People of the Parish
Monday, May 18	8:30 AM	Personal Intention by Fr. Jonas
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 PM	+Joe Seck by the Chris Kampfer Family
Wed, May 20	9:00 AM	+Jennifer Stewart by David & Barb Leyda
Thursday, May 21	8:30 AM	+Joe Yoder by Jim & Ruth Birong
Friday, May 22	8:30 AM	Personal Intention by Fr. Jonas

\*\*\*OLM Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; First Friday 3-4 pm, 6-7 pm; Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment  
St. Mary Confessions: Sunday 10:30 am before Mass or by appointment\*\*\*

## OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	17	
Mon	18	Celebration Mass 8:30 AM
Tue	19	Regular weekday Masses resume
Wed	20	
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	
Sat	23	
Sun	24	

## Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of May 10, 2020

Adult \$2709 Candles \$68 SVDP \$310  
God's House Payment \$1495

## St. Mary Stewardship Week of May 10, 2020

Adult \$527 Helping Hands \$110

## WEEKDAY MASS TO RESUME MAY 18TH

Our first together-again Mass will be Monday morning on May 18th at 8:30 AM at OLM. After that, weekday Masses will resume as per the old schedule but Saturday and Sunday Masses will not resume until May 30th and 31st in time for Pentecost. Included with this bulletin and sent out to all those for whom we have email addresses are the new Mass directives issued by the Diocese. I know we have been waiting for this day for nearly two months and not everything covered in the letter will be applicable to our two parishes, but we are going to take the precautions stipulated and ask all parishioners and visitors to give their full cooperation.

Hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks are available (and encouraged to be used) at both churches. We have stored the hymnals and missalettes for now, are asking everyone to respect the 6 ft. distancing both during and after Mass and have roped off certain pews to assist with that requirement. Please do not congregate in the narthex/vestibule area to avoid the temptation to get closer than 6 ft. The weather is getting more spring-like so visiting outside will usually be feasible. Many thanks to the Birongs who have furnished our masks and gloves and for those who will be volunteering to sanitize the churches after each Mass. God has not changed, neither has our worship, only the mechanics. We will adjust as we always have. May God continue to bless Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's. *Fr. Jonas*

**THANK YOU, RICK CARLTON~** Rick Carlton of Carlton Tree Farms has donated and planted three con color spruce trees behind the Blessed Mother statue at the bottom of Ascension Drive. Con color pines are resistant to the blue spruce blight that is presently killing the blue spruce in Ohio.

**DPSC REPORT~** Our third DPSC Report has arrived from the Diocese. OLM is at 62% of their \$19,580 goal and *St. Mary* at 91% of their \$8,880 goal.

**K OF C CHARITY TICKETS** - You may still pick up tickets in the narthex of OLM. Drop your stubs and payment in the box using the envelopes provided. Questions, call Dan 330-324-7635

**Happy Birthday:** (OLM) Scott Taylor 5/16, Lisa Pozderac 5/17, Cody Fritz 5/17, Sam Pesta 5/22, Raymond Starre 5/22, Sharon Clemens 5/23, Elijah Dean Lutton 5/22.

**Happy Anniversary** (OLM) to all those celebrating in May.

**Happy Birthday & Anniversary** (*St. Mary*) to all those celebrating in May.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office.

### St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Brenda Sandefur, Dave Leyda,  
Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family, Harold Wolbert,  
Alfa Falbo, Dick Wolford, Russ Morsheiser

Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all who have served our country.

### Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Theresa Marchione, Merle Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Betty Shurtz, Fr. Jack McCoy, Connie Sidoti, Debbie Shoemakaer, Stanley Kubicz

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please call Cam Lanka 330-627-5481.

ANY ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMING WEEK'S BULLETIN NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY WED. NOON.



# Dear Padre,

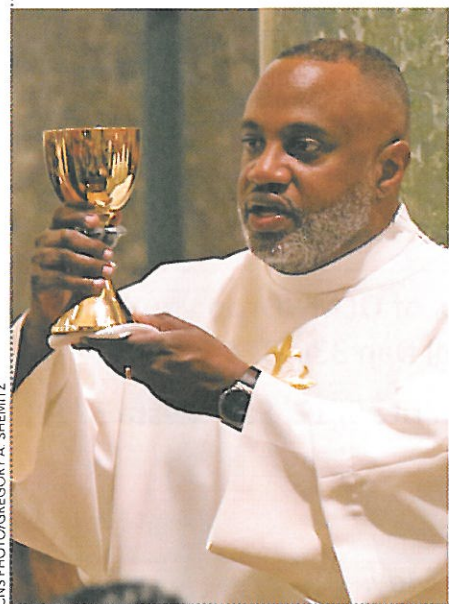
**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

**A**t baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.*

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,  
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## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26–16:4a

**Tuesday**  
MAY 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

**Wednesday**  
MAY 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday**  
MAY 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

**Friday**  
MAY 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

**Saturday**  
MAY 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday**  
MAY 24  
The Ascension  
of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Mt 28:16–20

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)  
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17  
1 Pt 3:15–18  
Jn 14:15–21

## What Is Your Hope?

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today’s second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can’t possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God’s love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who “suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God” (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR *Reflection*

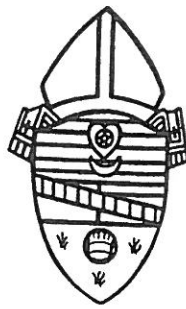
- ★ Think of times when you were surprised by God’s love.
- ★ Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope.

*Always be ready to give an explanation  
to anyone who asks you for a reason  
for your hope.*  
1 PETER 3:15



MIKAEL DAMKERS/HUTTERSTOCK





## Diocese of Steubenville

### Norms for the Resumption of Public Masses

These norms, promulgated by the Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Bishop of Steubenville, have been prepared in consultation with clergy and laity, after review of norms and practices in other dioceses and organizations, especially the *Guidelines on Sacraments and Pastoral Care* prepared by the Thomistic Institute.

#### General

- The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass remains in effect.
- Those faithful who are in at-risk groups, those who care for people in at-risk groups, and those who have any symptoms of sickness at all are most strongly encouraged not to go to Mass.
- Social distancing of 6 feet is to be maintained (including in the nave, the processional / recessional, sanctuary, sacristy, entrances to restrooms, etc.).
  - Families/households do not have to do this social distancing amongst themselves because they already live together. However, there is to be social distancing between such a household unit and other families/households/individuals.
- If possible, keep doors open to eliminate unnecessary touching and allow for better air circulation.
- Facilities that are in use, especially highly-touched items (e.g., pews, door knobs, rails, etc.) are to be cleaned with disinfectant/cleaning solution following each liturgy.
- If possible, have hand sanitizer available at the entrances. Due to shortages of products, this may not be possible. If the parish cannot provide the sanitizer, encourage people to bring their own with them to use.
- The faithful are strongly encouraged to wear face masks, which can be temporarily removed for the reception of Holy Communion. Priests and deacons should not wear masks during the celebration of the liturgy.
- There are to be no special gatherings following Mass (e.g., donuts). People should not congregate in the narthex or outside church; social distance is to be maintained at all times.
- Holy water fonts are to remain empty. There may be dispensers of holy water available so that the faithful may of their own accord fill bottles to take holy water home with them.
- Hymnals, missalettes, and other materials should be removed from the pews and stored.
- Water used for the sprinkling rite or baptisms is to be poured into the sacrarium or the ground.

- Cry rooms may be closed, at the discretion of the pastor.
- Priests, deacons, and other ministers should thoroughly clean their hands immediately before and after Mass, and they are to avoid touching their faces during Mass.

### **Seating**

- A church may not exceed occupancy of more than 50% of seating capacity.
  - Once capacity is reached, ushers are to kindly refrain from admitting more people into the church.
- To ensure social distancing in the pews, there are two options:
  - Close off every other pew with tape or rope
    - Alternating the open pews between the opposite side of pews is recommended.
  - Implement a “red, white, and blue” system
    - For example, if there are 3 Sunday Masses, pews with “red” tape are seating for the first Mass, “white” tape for the second Mass, and “blue” tape for the third Mass.
- Social distancing is to be maintained in the sanctuary seating for priests, deacons, and other ministers such as servers.

### **The Mass in General**

- Consider shortened processional and recessional routes if possible
- Mass should not be unnecessarily prolonged so as to avoid people being in a social setting for too long and to allow sufficient time for cleaning of the church between Masses. As such, briefer homilies, less music, and other issues are to be taken into consideration. However, the integrity of the liturgy is to be strictly respected and no required parts of the Mass may be omitted.
- Consider having the *Missal* placed on a missal stand on the altar or on a stand at the presidential chair for the presidential prayers.
- Either a deacon, server, or the priest himself is to take the *Missal*, vessels, and cruets to the altar. If a deacon or server does this, the priest is to remain at the chair until the other minister leaves the altar.
- The lavabo is to be done by the priest himself either at a table placed near the altar or on the side of the altar itself.
- There is to be no offertory procession. The bread and wine for the Mass are to be placed on the credence table in the sanctuary.
- A second corporal is to be placed to the side of the principal corporal on which are to be placed the hosts to be consecrated for the distribution to the faithful. Only the host and chalice for the priest celebrant are to be placed on the principal corporal.
- The physical exchange of the sign of peace is to be omitted.
- At the priest’s discretion, the priest, without the assistance of the deacon, may elevate both the paten and chalice at the elevation for the doxology.
- At the conclusion of Mass, in greeting the faithful, the priest should do so outside while maintaining social distancing.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

- The Precious Blood is not to be distributed to deacons or the faithful.
  - If there are concelebrating priests, the concelebrants should receive the Precious Blood by intinction with the principal celebrant consuming the remaining Precious Blood after the concelebrants have communicated.
  - For those with celiac disease, low gluten hosts are to be consecrated.
- Pastors may consider one of the following options for the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful:
  - The communion procession with social distancing maintained in the procession;
  - Communion distributed at the altar rail with social distancing maintained;
  - The priest, deacon, or extraordinary ministers taking Communion to the faithful in their pews by utilizing the space of the empty pews.
- After the priest has communicated and before distributing Holy Communion, he should purify his fingers in an ablution cup to remove any particles of the Host. He then should discreetly purify his hands with hand sanitizer.
- Deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should discreetly cleanse their hands with hand sanitizer before beginning to distribute Communion.
- For this temporary period only, given the health risk posed to priests in the at-risk categories, the priest may choose to be seated after communicating the deacon and extraordinary ministers while the deacon and extraordinary minister distribute Holy Communion. This temporary option is for only those priests who are in at-risk categories, and the priest is to notify his dean if this provision is being utilized.
- No one may distribute Holy Communion wearing gloves, and no one may receive Holy Communion in the hand wearing gloves.
- During this time, the faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand. However, liturgical law allows the faithful to choose to receive either in the hand or on the tongue.
  - Pastors should help to better catechize the faithful on the importance of how to properly receive Holy Communion so that the possibility of the minister touching the communicant may be reduced:
    - If the faithful receive Communion in the hand, they should hold their hands at chest level and fully open their hand.
    - If the faithful receive Communion on the tongue, they should tilt their heads back and extend their tongue.
- Following the distribution of Communion, priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers should purify their hands in an ablution cup and then discreetly cleanse their hands with hand sanitizer.
- Either the priest or deacon may purify the sacred vessels as usual. If a priest is an at-risk category and does not feel comfortable doing so (and for these priests only) and no deacon or instituted acolyte is present, for this temporary period only, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion who distributed Communion may purify the vessels. For this temporary option to be done properly, the pastor must properly train the extraordinary minister on the proper method of purification. The priest is to notify his dean if this option is being utilized. The priest should nonetheless purify the vessels he used at the Mass.

## Music

- Because of social distancing requirements, it may not be possible to have a full choir. In such a situation, an organist or other musician and cantor are sufficient.
- The fact that the congregation will not have access to hymnals is to be taken into consideration in planning music.

## Collection

- There is to be no passing of a collection basket or ushers taking the collection using baskets on handles.
- Collection boxes are to be established at specific locations and the faithful made aware of the locations so they may make their offerings when entering or leaving the church.
- For security purposes, an usher or other person is to be assigned to be near the collection sites.