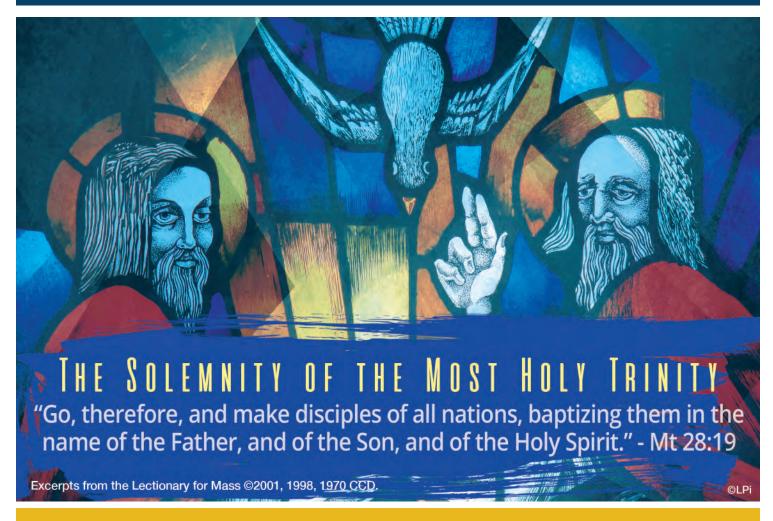


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2470 Miramar Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118



# MISSION STATEMENT

Gesu Parish, a Catholic community in the Jesuit tradition, is committed to

Eucharistic Living
Lifelong Learning
Generous Serving

"All for the greater glory of God."

- AMDG -

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

# Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

# Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am

# **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm or by appointment (Please see Pg. 3 for important information.)

# PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Thomas Pipp, SJ Interim Administrator

Reverend Michael A. Vincent, SJ Associate Pastor

Reverend Gregory Hyde, SJ Priest in Residence

Reverend James K. O'Donnell Deacon

**Sr. Kathleen Flannery, OSU**Parish Life & Liturgy

Therese Blumenthal Finance & Operations

Mary Kate Farrar
Development & Communications

Lucy lemmolo School Principal

Marcia Leous Faith Formation

Amy Zucca
Outreach Coordinator

Mark Ehrbar Music Ministry

# PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office (216) 932-0617

Emergency Night Phone Service (440) 942-6499

Parish Office Fax (216) 932-0731

**School Office** (216) 932-0620

**School Fax** (216) 932-8326

# PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office for an appointment to register. Current members are asked to notify the Parish Office when they move.

# TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm At other times, we will be checking email and phone messages.

# Gospel Meditation

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him "Dad" and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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# This Week at Gesu

# MONDAY 5/31

Memorial Day, No School

Mass......10:00am-Church

# TUESDAY 6/1

Mass......7:30 am - Church

# WEDNESDAY 6/2

Mass.......7:30 am - Church
Legion of Mary.....8:00-9:00 am - Church Narthex
Gesu School Graduation......7:00 pm - Church

# THURSDAY 6/3

Gesu School Field Day, 11:30 am Dismissal

Mass......7:30 am - Church

Boy Scout Troop 620 Mtg.....7:00 pm - McAuley Hall

Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Ceremony...7:00 pm - Family Center

# FRIDAY 6/4

Last Day of School, 11:30 am Dismissal

Mass......7:30 am - Church

# SATURDAY 6/5

Bible Study - 1st & 2nd Chronicles.......12:00-2:00 - Zoom Confession......3:00-4:00 pm - Nativity Room Mass......4:30 pm - Church

# SUNDAY 6/6

Mass......8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am - Church



# RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm. To allow for social distancing, it's taking place in the Nativity Room. Please enter via the door in the Narthex. The room is set for both anonymous and face-to-face confessions. Please wear a mask.

# **BAPTISMS**

To arrange a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Baptism instruction is necessary with the first child.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

The Gesu RCIA process welcomes anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and prepares you to become a member of the Catholic Church. Please inquire at the Parish Office.

# **MARRIAGE**

Please contact one of the Gesu priests at the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange the use of the church and register for the marriage preparation program.

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We are unable to hold our usual monthly Anointing Masses at this time. You may make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick following any weekday or weekend Mass by calling the Parish Office in advance. That way, we will know which date and time you will be here.

# ILLNESS & HOSPITAL CALLS

Please notify the Parish Office when a member of your family is hospitalized or ill. Because of continuing COVID concerns, we will do our best to minister to them as permitted.

# **REST IN PEACE**

Joseph B. Kappes, SJ Former Associate Pastor of Gesu - His funeral was at Colombiere on May 24

> **Edward Kellner** Husband of Mary Rose; Father of Kara & Marc

Joseph Trzcinski Father of Michael



# **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**Brett O'Neill Clapp** Daughter of Paul & Margaret Clapp

John Patrick Cousineau Son of Mark & Kayla Cousineau

**Taylor Marie Meyers** Daughter of Jason & Melinda Meyers

Lucy North O'Brien Daughter of Brett & Katherine O'Brien

**Dennis Paul Roche** Son of Dennis & Giannina Roche



# MARRIAGE BANNS

Elise Venditti & Patrick Milligan June 5, 2021

Lauren Mangan & **Daniel Clifford** June 19, 2021



# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for the following sick members of our community. Sick persons or family members may phone Sr. Linda at (216) 932-0617 to have a name listed. Names will stay on the list for up to one year unless removal or continuation is requested.

Bonnie-Jean Kennedy Wayne Schmidt Theresa LoPresti Ryan S. JoeAnn Franklin Rita Huebner Frank Gilmore Lou Cherry Melissa Currance Alique Topalian Paul & Lynette Trolli Marian Amanda Jadon Michael Kalp Denise Mastro Tara Conklin Jamie Chitwood Jonathan Sedor Margaret Elliott Maryan Baughman Robert Schmidt George Coleman Patricia Dye Heather Pederson Ellen Ferreri Sandy Bonnot Mary Jo Rourke Margaret Trenkamp Jacob Gordon George Martin

Stacey Kelly Mike Stinn Mary Beth Miller Andrew Kascsak Cecilia T. Guccion Edward P. Guccion **Howard Widmann** Jeff Stevenson Grace Pressimone Toni Consolo Bill & Denise Mirando Eleanor Bertagni Marge Diemer Sheila Flannery Jeanne Horwath Richard Rarick Reilly G. Baby Reese Tom Therese Hummer Eileen Read Gerri Greenfield Abby Grealis Marsha Carole Baker Verna Bencie Cathy Kingsbury Edison

Margaret Homoly Beth Heather Gina Hespen Loretta Wiles Barbara Rossy Claire Gascoigne Sarah Kuhar Michael Markiewicz Janet Markiewicz Nick Gundersen Joan Nuth John Bastulli, Jr. Samone Dean Bill Kiser Ryan M. Marilyn Karlik Bernice Reed Bill Reale John Jackie Friend Elizabeth Kealy Shawn Sexton Sandy Russell Mike Kiely, Jr. Marco Kaiser John Hissong

George O'Hamill

# PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Gesu Parishioners who are either activated reservists or active duty military personnel currently deployed. We're including names in our bulletin with family permission. If you'd like to include a relative, email bulletin@churchofthegesu.org.

Alex Prahl **Adam Thomas Nick Corsones** Kirklan Kudrna **Brady Smith** Kevin Comiskey Christopher Scott Combellick Zack Veselick Eric Aslakson

Patrick McGroarty Brian Johnston Randolph Kloos Thomas P. Costello Geffrey B. Slatter Ellis Smith Matthew Kreiter Michael Heltzel Andrew Rocco Thomas Garvey

Mouna Lograsso Capt. William Olmstead Patrick Murphy Richard Rose Patrick Brodhead R.J. Thacker Samuel J. Driscoll James Bruening Kate Hogan C.J. Haag

# **DISPENSATION TO BE LIFTED**

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated. This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation.

To read the full release, go to https://bit.ly/3oCH3o8.

For details on the new COVID guidelines that will take effect June 2, please see page six.

# SACRISTANS NEEDED

Have you ever considered helping out here at Church and wondered how? We would really like to expand our team of Sacristans at our weekend Masses. We are so grateful for those who have served in this role and would love to expand the group. It only takes about 15 minutes before Mass to set up and about 5 minutes after Mass to clean up.

Our present team is one person at each Mass, but we would love to add others so that we could alternate weeks, etc. Great training is provided! (It's not difficult at all!) Invite a friend to join you, or even your family. If interested, please contact Sr. Kathleen at kflannery@churchofthegesu.org.

# FAREWELL TO FR. KISER

Thank you to everyone who came out last Sunday to bid Fr. Kiser farewell! We offer him our sincere gratitude for his time as Pastor of Gesu and the many blessings he brought to our parish. We wish him all the best in his journey ahead!





# & SCRIPTURE READINGS

## **MONDAY 5/31**

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Ps 12; Lk 1:39-56

7:30 am Maria & Alfonso Mandalfino

## **TUESDAY 6/1**

St. Justin

Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112; Mk 12:13-17

7:30 am Mike Supler

# **WEDNESDAY 6/2**

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25; Mk 12:18-27

7:30 am Ian Tookey

## **THURSDAY 6/3**

St. Charles Lwanga & Comps.

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128: Mk 12:28-34

7:30 am Chuck Allanson

# FRIDAY 6/4

Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146; Mk 12:35-37

7:30 am Gilbert Ryan

### **SATURDAY 6/5**

St. Boniface

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Ps 13; Mk 12:38-44

# SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 6/6 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

4:30 am Henry Trenkamp, Jr.

8:00 am Dominic & Lisa

Mandalfino

10:00 am Parishioners of Gesu

11:30 am Michaele Musel

# TAKEN FROM BISHOP MALESIC'S MEMO ON NEW COVID GUIDELINES



I remain grateful for all of you who have worked tirelessly to continue the mission of Christ throughout the many hardships of the pandemic. I want to thank you in advance and assure you of my prayers as we move into the post-pandemic time and encourage the faithful to their full and active participation in the Eucharist and the life of the Church. As we enter this new period, I ask that you use patience; kindness and understanding with all those you en-

counter as well as ensure your own good health and well-being.

Pastors and others should presume people's good will in following these directives.

May God continue to bless you and those you love as you do your best to provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of those entrusted to your care.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic

# These guidelines take effect June 2, 2021

- 1. **Facemasks** are no longer required but are strongly suggested for those who have not yet received the vaccine or are otherwise vulnerable. Respect is to be shown to those following CDC and state and local guidelines, as well as for those, who for personal reasons, choose to continue to wear facemasks and practice social distancing.
- 2. **Social distancing** is no longer required. The use of all pews/seating areas is permitted.
- 3. The use of **Holy Water** fonts is permitted.
- 4. Liturgical processions and offertory collections are permitted.
- 5. The **Sign of Peace** among the faithful is permitted. It should be exchanged without physical contact between persons who are not of the same household or family.
- 6. **Liturgical ministers** (altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians, cantors, choirs, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are permitted.
- 7. **Holy Communion:** The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended until further notice. It is highly recommended that one receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- 8. **Hymnals** and other books may be returned to the pews.
- 9. Entrance **Hand Sanitizers** are still provided at the church entryways. Sanitizing one's space individually is no longer necessary.

## 10. Miscellaneous

- Live Streaming of Masses should continue when possible.
- Visitation to the homebound, hospitalized and nursing homes is permitted urging those visiting to use good hygiene and to refrain from visiting when they are not feeling well.
- Care should be taken to continue following CDC, state, and local guidelines with regard to activities with children who have not yet been fully vaccinated.

Please continue to pray for a complete end to the pandemic, for all those who died from the pandemic and for those who have lost loved ones, employment or have been adversely impacted by the pandemic.



May our parish children experience the peace and love of Jesus in the Eucharist on the day of their First Holy Communion and throughout their lives. May they learn to respond with gratitude to God for this great gift! Congratulations to this weekend's First Communicants:

Charles Bramhall Sofia Costello Valentina Germana Claire Kloss Camryn Klug Matthew Lloyd Isla Mawby Diego Ortiz Esperon Avery Breen
Michael Cousineau
Hugo Alessandro Goodfellow
Emma Kloss
Rosie LaPerch
Charlotte Mawby
Mariana Morse

# VIRTUAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Let's start a revival for Christ in the Eucharist by participating from June 4 through June 6 in a free virtual conference. Attendees will learn how the elements of the liturgy, from music to vestments, all point to the Eucharist, discover the inspiration behind the saints devotions to the Eucharist, and understand the meaning behind living a truly Eucharistic life. To learn more and to register, visit: go.virtualcatholicconference. com/EC21.

# **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY**



The Society of Jesus worldwide and the entire Ignatian family begins a very special year on May 20 to "celebrate St. Ignatius' spiritual journey from the 500th anniversary of his conversion in 1521 to his canonization in 1622." The following article written by a Jesuit from

Cameroon, Africa, "helps explain conversion as a process of recovering from blindness to better sight." Visit: https://bit.ly/3aCUz5p.

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIVING OUT OUR FAITH



# **Featured Article**

The recent Derek Chauvin conviction for the killing of George Floyd inspired feelings of relief and vindication in many, including the author

of this month's feature article, Fr. Bryan Massingale. The verdict, nonetheless, was not viewed as a cause for celebration. It was rather seen as a wake-up call not only for our nation and its policing philosophy and social values, but for our Catholic Church in terms of "its complicity in the country's racism."

The article continues, "This jury verdict is a summons to the Catholic community to embrace the teaching of Pope Francis, who in discussing George Floyd's killing declared, 'We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of human life.' The challenge for American Catholics is to profess a commitment to antiracism as an essential dimension of being pro-life."

To read the full text of this commentary, visit **https://bit.ly/3xosPuZ**.

# **IGNATIAN THREADS**

in our lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a great commission: "Go...make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Ignatius and his early fellow Jesuits certainly show us how to put this into action. The disciples, as well as the first Jesuits, hopefully found reassurance in Jesus telling them, "I am with you always." Reflect on what this can mean for us: When do we need to feel that God is with us? Do we share the truths of our faith? How can we make Christ's healing and merciful love more present? Reflect on the significance of Jesus speaking of the "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." How often we utter this threefold formula when we make the sign of the cross. May our everyday living reflect the richness of The Most Holy Trinity: God, the Father, who loves us unconditionally; Jesus, the Son, who gives his life for IGNATIAN us; and, the Holy Spirit who remains God's active presence Threads

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# PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

Following in the Steps of St. Paul

Hosted by Fr. Lorn Snow, SJ 11 Days: November 9-19, 2021

We will visit: Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka and Thessaloniki. The trip also includes a 3-day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey.

The cost is \$3,879 per person from Cleveland. For more information please contact Jane Lewis at (216) 321-7248.

# CCA MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

The Catholic Cemeteries Association, Diocese of Cleveland, Memorial Day Mass Schedule

Join us for Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country. Mass will be celebrated at the following locations on May 31, 2021 at 10:00 am except where noted:

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- · All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
- Calvary, Lorain | 555 N Ridge Road W | 9:00 am
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- Resurrection, Valley City | 6303 Center Road
- · St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road
- St. Mary, Cuyahoga Hts. | 4720 East 71 St | 9:00 am
- St. Agnes Church, Elyria | 611 Lake Ave. | 9:00 am
- St. Mary Church, Olmsted Falls | 25615 Bagley Road | 9:00 am

Masses at our cemetery locations will be outdoors and socially distanced. Please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella in case of inclement weather. Church Masses are indoors and follow diocesan protocol for COVID safety. If you have any further questions, please contact Rhonda at **rabrams@clecem.org** (216) 930-4866 or visit our website at **www.clecem.org**.

# HOLIDAY WORSHIP PACK SURVEY

For those who picked up a Spring Family Worship Pack, the Faith Formation Commission would appreciate your feedback! Please fill out a short survey, at https://forms.gle/5WBWcMfQWdoxFVJbA.

# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



The following scholarships are available for the children of Gesu Parish. For complete information, please visit www. churchofthegesu.org/scholarshipfunds. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an online application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS

Grant & Aid Assessment by **May 31, 2021**. Candidates will not be considered for aid unless the application form is complete and supporting documentation has been provided.

The Fr. Francis Dietz, SJ Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance for a Catholic School education to children of Gesu Parish whose needs warrant full or partial grants. Students attending a Catholic High School or students in the seventh or eighth grade at Gesu School are eligible. Student applicants must be members of Gesu Parish and must prove financial need. They must demonstrate a desire for a Catholic High School or Gesu School education, and intent to apply themselves to the best of their ability to the school's scholastic and moral principles.

# The Fr. Robert J. McAuley, SJ Scholarship Fund

offers financial assistance to children in grades kindergarten through six, attending Gesu School, whose needs warrant full or partial grants. Candidates need to be registered members of Gesu Parish and must be attending or planning to attend Gesu Catholic School this fall. The family must prove financial need. They must demonstrate the desire for a Gesu Catholic School education and intent to apply themselves to the best of their abilities to the school's scholastic and moral principles.

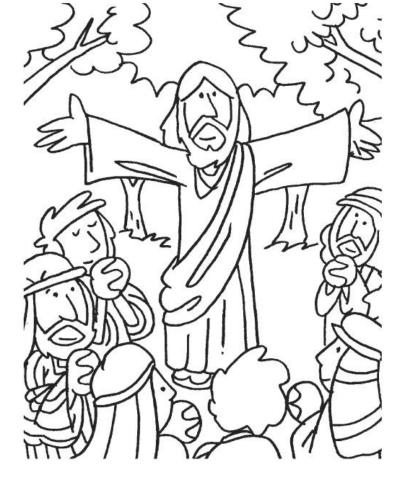
# CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY TALK AT OUR LADY OF PEACE

On Wednesday, June 9, Our Lady of Peace is hosting Fr. Casey Cole, O.F.M., American Franciscan Friar, Catholic priest, writer and blogger for a talk on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Fr. Casey runs his own online blog and YouTube channel called Breaking the Habit and is the author of the books, Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship and Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God. Join us at 5:30 pm for Mass in the church, followed a BBQ and Talk in Cummins Hall at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP at office@olpchurch.com or call (216) 421-4211. Our Lady of Peace is located at 12601 Shaker Blvd.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

# SHARING THE GOSPEL

As the disciples ate with friends, traveled, worked, shopped, and made new friends, they were to have one goal in mind - help more people follow Jesus. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to love God and love each other. Teach them to have mercy and forgive each other. Teach them to be humble. Teach them to pray. Teach them to share. And teach them to tell the people they met how to follow Jesus, too.



# **PUZZLE**

**AUTHORITY** 

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel: **MOUNTAIN** 

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# **PRAYER**

**BAPTIZE** 

Dear God, help me to teach my friends how to love and follow you-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about God.

# MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.

# SUMMER CLOTHING, SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR NEEDED

The Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside needs summer clothing for the homeless men they serve. Please



consider donating men's t-shirts, shorts, socks, and underwear. Gesu's Items for Homeless Shelters collection bin is located in the Church Narthex.

# ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesday, May 26

**Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction for Life** 

Cleveland Prays for Life invites you to the 10th Annual Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction for Life on Sunday, June 6, beginning at 2:00 pm at Preterm. We will meet at Preterm, and following opening prayers, Fr. Dave Baugh will lead the procession. We will process while praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and will conclude with a Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Fr. Dave requests Knights of Columbus in regalia for the service and procession. Preterm is located at 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 and parking is available on Shaker Boulevard East and West.

# ALL SOULS CEMETERY – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on June 9 at 5:30 pm. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event, which will take place at All Souls Cemetery, located at 10366 Chardon Road. RSVP by calling (216) 641-7575 ext. 4. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols.

# FEAST OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart Diocesan Center will have the annual Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7:00 pm June 11 at St. Therese Church, located at 5276 E. 105th Street in Garfield Heights, with Fr. Eric Orzech as celebrant. All are invited to attend this special reparation to the Sacred Heart and ask Jesus' help for all families, our Church and our world. Call Donna at (440) 232-7725 or Marlene at (216) 447-9375 for more information. All are welcome!

# MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES AWARENESS MONTH

Catholic Charities is Making a Difference - \$100,000 Match

Throughout the month of June, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will raise funds and awareness for Catholic Charities Mental Health & Addiction Services through an online social media campaign.



- Thanks to a generous donor, all donations will be matched up to \$100,000.
- Visit CatholicCommunity.org/HEALTH to make double the impact and support these important programs and services across all eight counties in the Diocese of Cleveland!

# The Impact of Your Donation

**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL** • Provide immediate assistance for those seeking care by calling 1-800-860-7373

- Continue to deliver telehealth services to anyone across all eight counties in the Diocese of Cleveland
- Offer training and continuing education to counselors as they help clients in a post-pandemic world
- Increase awareness for new Central Intake System

For more information or to make a donation by phone, contact Sarah Yantek at (216) 696-6525 x1049. On behalf of those who will receive help & hope from your support...thank you!

# RPORAL WORKS

# May: Give Drink to the Thirsty



# A YEAR OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERY

By Cathy Pressimone

What a year. We have been together, apart, living a year that will be referenced throughout history. During this year, we rediscovered the things in life that matter the most. We lived with deprivation - socially, physically and emotionally. We learned that we could do without. We learned that, many times, others were faring worse than us - a lot worse. And we learned the value of our faith on a deeper level.

This year of COVID-19 was the year that Gesu chose to focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. After reading Kerry Weber's book, *Mercy in the City*, programs were put into place that would take the corporal works into the community - in spite of the COVID restrictions. Not only did the established Outreach Committees continue their missions, but the parish also stepped up its efforts to live the Corporal Works of Mercy.

In October, food banks received copious amounts of food and cash to help the hungry whose ranks had swollen due to job losses and food shortages. In November, as the deaths from the virus began to increase exponentially here in Ohio and across the world, we looked at programs that buried the indigent and homeless as we continued to pray for the dying and deceased - victims of the pandemic. Gesu's generosity continued and the Christmas Angel Tree Project provided holiday cheer to over 350 people. As the New Year arrived, Gesu continued to give to the needy - this time in hundreds of pairs of socks and underwear that were donated to homeless shelters. In February, the Rice Bowl Project illustrated the parish's willingness to give alms to the poor, contributing over \$1,200. In March, food, money and assistance were offered to help support the Veteran's Affairs medical mission and there was an increased effort in prayers for the sick and imprisoned as the opportunities to visit were restricted. In April, a Care for Our Common Home Conversation was held to look for ways that Gesu can focus some of its work around the new corporal work "Care of Creation." Throughout May, awareness of the need to protect the vital resource of water and the continued hunger in our community was the main focus.

I am new to this parish; my family moved to Ohio and into Gesu parish at the end of last May, in the middle of the worst pandemic in modern history. It was a challenging time for relocation, but we found ourselves at home in a parish that is caring, compassionate and willing to be Christ to others. Even when life was onerous and at times heartbreaking, the family of Gesu continuously fulfilled Jesus' command to care for His littlest ones.

# What does Gesu Parish do?

On May 22, Gesu volunteers worked at Shaker Lakes Nature Center to restore the natural habitat. Their Staff were very impressed with how hard our volunteers worked. Thank you everyone!







# PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Would you like to help steer a vibrant parish as it plans for the future? Do you like to dream of what could be and figure out how to make it happen? If this describes you, consider a role on Gesu's Parish Council. We need people willing to share their ideas about building and growing our parish community to better meet the needs of all parishioners. At this time, we are looking to add two members-at-large as some members are completing their terms. As a member-at-large, you serve a two-year term, just five meetings a year, starting this fall. For more information or to indicate your interest, send your name and contact information to mcreger@churchofthegesu.org.

# LEADERSHIP COMMISSIONS

This is the time of year when our Commissions begin to make plans for the next year. Our Commissions structure is composed of five commissions: Administration, Community Life, Faith Formation, Outreach and Worship.

The Commissions meet monthly and work together to support and design programming and activities for Gesu Parish. If you are interested in serving on any of these Commissions, please contact Sister Kathleen at kflannery@churchofthegesu.org. She will direct your interest to the respective commission and someone will contact you about what this entails. It's a great way to get involved and to contribute to the ongoing growth of our community!

# April Collections

	Monthly	Year-to-Date					
	Offering	Offering					
4/1/2	21 - 4/30/21	7/1/20 - 4/30/21					
Sunday Offering	\$39,458	\$851,759					
Faith Direct	\$39,537	\$410,174					
Christmas/Easter	\$20,098	\$80,787					
Holy Days	\$5	\$5,452					
Total Contributions	\$99,098	\$1,348,172					
Budget	\$125,000	\$1,287,000					
Variance from Budget	(\$25,902)	\$61,172					
Other Monthly Collections							
Honduras Mission	\$190	\$1,200					
Food Fund	\$1,927	\$17,460					
Corporal Works of Mercy	\$2,190	\$4,053					
Fund for Gesu	\$7,535	\$21,739					
Monthly Special Collections							
Eastern Europe	\$165	\$215					
SVDP .	\$10	\$3,472					
Catholic Home Mission	\$372	\$714					
Operation Rice Bowl	\$914	\$1,044					
Catholic Relief Services	\$100	\$862					
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$771	\$121					

# PARKING LOT REPAIRS



Through the generosity of several families' contributions to the Fund for Gesu, our capital improvement fund, and the Gesu Endowment Fund, we will be undertaking an extensive parking lot repair project this summer. All areas of the church

and school parking lots that have not been replaced in the last few years will be completed. This includes areas behind the Church, in front of the Family Center and the entire north section of the parking lot. This project will begin on June 7 and will take about eight weeks, weather permitting. Please be aware that during construction some entrances/exits may be closed and there may be a change in traffic patterns and/or parking availability. Thank you for your flexibility and patience during this time.

# DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

Gesu Parish, in University Heights, seeks a part-time Development & Communications Assistant to provide administrative support to the Development Office and participate in fundraising activities including donor relations, communications and special events.

We are seeking a candidate who has knowledge and experience with a development office, has a strong administrative background, provides attention to detail with assignments, has ability to multitask and has strong interpersonal skills. A few responsibilities include data entry, gift acknowledgments, social media postings, coordinating annual projects and assistance with special events. The position reports to the Development & Communications Director.

Send cover letter and resumes to **humanresources @churchofthegesu.org** or to:

Church of the Gesu 2470 Miramar Blvd. University Heights, OH 44118 Attn: Development Office

For a complete job description visit the Employment Opportunities page on the website **www.churchofthegesu.org**.

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