

EASTER SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

After the release of the movie "Roots," some years ago, quite a number of rectories were swamped with requests for information contained in parish baptismal registers about relatives who had died in the last century. There was a serious interest on the part of many to reconnect with their past. The surge in interest didn't last long, though.

As social structures continue to evolve, it seems to me that it is not at all uncommon for us not only to forget the roots of a particular structure, but even to develop myths which serve to explain the existence of the structure. For example, when many think of feasts like St. Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day, they identify the former with cards, candy and romance; and the latter with drinking rather than the memory of a particular saint and his virtue. The celebration of a religious feast has been replaced by a secular notion.

Around Christmas time we are continually reminded to "Keep Christ in Christmas," and "Jesus is the Reason for the Season;" an attempt to recall roots.

I recall hearing of a Sunday School teacher who was working with a primary school group. "Do you know who Matthew was?" she asked.

When she received no answer she asked, "Do any of you know who Mark or Luke were?" Still no answer.

"I'm sure that somebody knows who Peter was," she said. "Can anyone tell me, please, who was Peter?"

A little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he was a wabbit!"

Each and every year the Church commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The word of the glorious triumph over death needs to be repeated over and over again for a number of reasons. Many can forget, and in the forgetfulness, can lose hope or succumb to the enticements of sin. The experience of Easter can also serve as a source of a much needed spiritual renewal for those who need to refocus on our eternal goal.

The trend for novelty or the attempts of some to deny the value of our Christian faith, might lead a few to develop different interpretations for our season of celebration. Deep in our being, though, there is a cry to preserve the integrity of Easter because it alone provides meaning to this life.

I have always enjoyed the Easter Bunny and hunting for eggs in the backyard and waiting for the flowers of Spring. But when I consider the uniqueness of the Resurrection, then I find real, lasting joy. This event is so marvelous that we Christians recall the roots of our resurrection not only at Easter, but every Sunday when we gather around the Lord's table.

Happy Easter!



Love,

Fr. Dave

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of *Alphonsine A. Miletta (104)*, *Herman Seitz (82)* and *Marie A. Kizer (89)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.

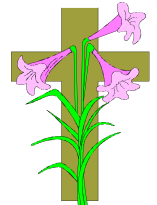
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Alexandra Elizabeth Bighouse. We pray that the parish family will assist her parents as they guide her along the path of faith.

Schedule of Liturgies

April 10—April 18, 2004

SATURDAY , April 10, Easter Vigil	
8:00 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:00 PM	St. Mary Parish Family
SUNDAY , April 11, Solemnity of Easter Sunday	
Resurrection of the Lord	
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:00 AM	Donato Monaco; Ruth Schreiner; George & Marcella Pahl; Martha Fleck; Donald Reinhart; Doris Heminger; Frank & Carmella Mangiola; Carmen & Grace Mangiola; Robert Reid; Norman & Ruth Cassidy; The Gillig Family; Bernard T. Gaietto
10:00 AM	Franklyn Ambrose; Evelyn Ward; Dec'd Zoeller-Strausbaugh Families; John P. Kesler; James Rohrbach Family; Marie Hartzell; Clarence & Wilfred Schalk; John & Michaelina Paulus; Tim Renninger; Joseph & Sonia Gaietto; Joseph & Ruth Oddou; Richard Vassalle; Jake & Nellie Culichia; Dick Theis; Jerry Breidenbach; John Wilhelm; Dorothy Tiell; All Serving in the Military; James Frank
11:30 AM	Ed & Pauline Boehler Family; Ed Wonderly; Taylor-Ruffing Families; Robert Price & Jackie Workman; Carolyn Perna; Joseph J. Paradiso; Ed & Nora Schwab; Anna Smothers
MONDAY , April 12, Easter Monday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Hubert & Dorothy Elchert
TUESDAY , April 13, Easter Tuesday	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Ed & Pauline Boehler
4:30 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
WEDNESDAY , April 14, Easter Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Eileen Ardner
THURSDAY , April 15, Easter Thursday	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Henry Straub
4:30 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
FRIDAY , April 16, Easter Friday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	George & Carmella Brown; Peter & Teresa Gaietto
SATURDAY , April 17, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter	
4:30 PM	Clara Vera; Gen Smith; John Panuto; Frederick J. Schmitz; Martha Fleck; Donald R. Gibson; Michaelina Paulus; Bob Schleiter
6:30 PM	Harold & Loretta Collet Families; Joe Lonsway; Joseph L. Brickner Family; Barbara N. Somers
SUNDAY , April 18, Second Sunday of Easter	
Divine Mercy Sunday	
8:00 AM	Rosemary Yandura; Joseph T. Simmons; Intentions of H & K; John Weatherholt;
10:00 AM	Francis Theis; Donald Reinhart; Rita Keller; Mary Rose Deibert; Maria Gaietto
11:30 AM	St. Mary Parish Family
2:00 PM	First Communion Mass



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: 10:00 AM Mass, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

BINGO WORKERS for April 18: Coordinator, Mike Lucius; Gate, Mike Lucius, Mary Huffman; Instants, Leroy Coleman, Carolyn Price; Floor, Berta Alvarado Poland, Fred Rubeck, Dave Huss, Beth Mullen; Concessions, Theresa Keefe.
NO BINGO ON EASTER SUNDAY.

JUNE FEST' 2004: First Early Bird Drawing Winner: Joe Keefe! Congratulations! At this year's festival, we are going to hold a silent auction. This will take place Saturday, June 5, in the hallway of the school. We are looking for your treasures. If you have something you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Marguerite Bernard at 447-9173, or the parish office at 447-2087. Let's make this year's festival the best!

TIFFIN UNIVERSITY CHOIR & CONCERT BAND will be performing at 8:00 PM on Fri. Apr. 16, in St. Mary Church. Please attend and relax to the beautiful sounds of our area collegians.



CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE: Hosted by the St. Wendelin Prayer Group, April 19, 7:30 PM. All who seek healing in any way please come!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Mary saw the empty tomb and she assumed the worst: "They have taken the Lord." Negative assumptions close our openness to surprise, locking us in disappointment. The resurrection demands that we live as people of joy. Assume the best. You won't be disappointed.

DIVORCE: Someone you know is hurting. Beginning Apr. 18, a Divorce/Care seminar/support group will meet Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 550 Smith Road, Fremont. For more information call Sr. Dean, 332-7339.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM: St. Michael-East, Findlay, will be offering an education series for the ongoing formation of adults. Next session will be May 3, 7:00-9:00 PM "Introduction to Church". For more information call 422-2646.



BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION, Carey, OH: The Franciscan Friars invite you to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica for a place of quiet prayer and devotion on your journey of faith, hope, and healing. For information on bringing a group or for personal visits, call 419-396-7107 or visit the website www.olcshrine.com.

CALVERT ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT: Saturday, May 8, 6:30 PM. Cost per car, \$75; six people per car; limit 50 cars. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Boosters. For information call 443-1235, 443-8781, or 448-7342. First prize, \$225.

Sacrificial Giving — March 14, 2004		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 13,472.37	528
(Includes loose money & checks (\$1,067.37))		
Difference +	\$ 472.37	
Easter	538.00	22
Repair & Maintenance	260.00	22
Deposit	\$ 14,270.37	
Bishop's Overseas Aid	\$ 10.00	2
Holy Land	\$ 62.00	11
Tuition Assistance	\$ 52.00	4
High School Offering	\$ 16.00	16
Children's Offering	\$ 63.50	74
Total Sunday	\$ 14,473.87	

"52" Club Winners

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| 1. Dominick Amadeo | 4. Mary Saalman |
| 2. Fred & Kathy Fabrizio | 5. Elizabeth Kaufman |
| 3. Eileen R. Reinhart | |

GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP:

All high school age youth are welcome to attend the general meetings to learn about what is happening in the God Squad, interact in directed group discussions about important issues involving teen faith life and meet others through an organized social activity. Meetings are usually in St. Mary's school cafeteria.

Coming events:

Dead Theologians Society: Sun., April 12, 7:00 PM - Church basement. Time is spent in reflective thought, sharing the lives of the saints. Prayerful time is spent remembering the dead. This is a very unique group; come and see!

General Meeting: Sun., April 18, 7:00 PM, adoration, 8:00 PM.

EASTER BREAK: School will resume April 14. No CCD April 14. Parish offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 12.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE: "Living with Grief: Alzheimer's Disease" teleconference will be on Apr. 28, 1:30-4:00 PM. For more information call 447-4040. Continuing education credits are available.

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PATCHWORKS HOUSE offers parent and community education programs in addition to supervised exchanges, supervised visitation & family mediation. For details on these programs call 448-0080.

Positive Parenting Courses:

Parenting Tools; Apr 21, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Parents will learn three tools to help guide their children.

Setting Limits & Consequences; Apr. 13, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Parents will learn to use consequences rather than punishment to change their children's behavior.

Challenging Behaviors; Apr. 27, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. Parents will learn to practice new strategies for dealing with challenging behaviors.

SCAT DRIVERS NEEDED to bring parishioners to and from the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Training provided. Please contact the parish office if interested, 447-2087.



SCAT DRIVERS - April 18, Carol & Denny Scherger.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE every Saturday, 9 AM in church.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY LIBRARY: dues, \$5.00 per school year; volunteers needed during class time. Can you help? Call the school office, 447-5202.

ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB
Sunday Night BINGO
 ...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.
 Two Specials Two Jackpots
Handicapped Accessible * Snacks Available