

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends,

Not too many years ago students in a grade school in a city not far from here made their annual trip to the symphony. Each class had been reminded to remain with their teacher at all times. After the lights went down, one of the teachers quietly left her aisle seat and made her way to the ladies' room. As she placed her hand on the door handle, she heard a noise from behind her and turned around. Her entire class, obeying instructions exactly, had followed her all the way to the rest room.

It's amazing what kind of an influence we adults have on children! So often we forget the extent of the impact we may have. We are unconscious of just what they will pick up or how they will interpret our words and actions.

Something which has always intrigued me has been the reaction of parents to their children when they do something which they consider to be wrong. For example, I once remember a parent who was furious when his child became mad at some of his playmates and began to cuss them out using quite unsavory language. The embarrassed and shocked father punished the child for the words he spoke, but never stopped to think that the young boy learned them from him in the first place. It was G. K. Chesterton who once remarked, "There is nothing new under the sun except the resurrection." In light of this, it seems to me that it would be helpful for us to occasionally stop and ponder the influence we have on youth. In other words, as we were taught so shall we teach.

We hope that they will not have to face war, yet we often are the ones who show them how to begin conflict in the first place by our petty bickering and backbiting. We want them to avoid the perils of alcohol, yet we give them the impression that people can't have fun without it.

Our influence on youth, though, is not always something deleterious. When I see fathers and mothers unafraid to be affectionate with their children—whether 8 or 18, I know that these same children will themselves grow up and perpetuate a line of highly confident and healthy sons and daughters. As I have said before, and to quote another source, "as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be..."

The next time you page through the scriptures, look at all those times that Jesus found Himself with children. It seems that He constantly kept before His eyes the realization that He was before their eyes. Remember how intolerant He was with those who would scandalize the little children! Recall, too, how when He was in their midst, He would scold others who wanted to take the children away. What a model He was!

Can you be attentive this week?

Love,

Fr. Dave



### Schedule of Liturgies

May 15-23

**SATURDAY**, May 15, Vigil; Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Mary Gaietto Hossler; Donald R. Gibson;  
Ruth Virden

6:30 PM Paul Schafer; David & Hilda Tiell

**SUNDAY**, May 16, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Charles & Gertrude Schell;  
Joseph T. Simmons, Jr.; George H. Elchert

10:00 AM Francis Theis; Franklyn Ambrose;  
Bob Keller; Francis Ruffing; Paul Schafer

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

**MONDAY**, May 17, Easter Weekday

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert; James T. Brickner;  
Paul & Anna Thome

**TUESDAY**, May 18, Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Mary Evelyn Raitz; Arturo Hernandez

**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

**WEDNESDAY**, May 19, Easter Weekday

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Ed & Pauline Boehler;  
Paul & Mary Evelyn Raitz

**THURSDAY**, May 20, Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Norman & Ruth Cassidy

**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

**FRIDAY**, May 21, Easter Weekday

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Ruth Virden

**SATURDAY**, May 22, Vigil: Ascension of the Lord

1:30 PM John Osborn & Kristina Longo Wedding

4:30 PM Helen Burkart; Kendra & Brian Hammer

6:30 PM Frank & Maria Dariano; Pauline Schumaker;  
Marie Hartzell

**SUNDAY**, May 23, Ascension Of The Lord

8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

10:00 AM Rita Keller

11:30 AM Anna Smothers; Virginia Welter



**ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION** for the 2004-2005 school year. If you love children, please submit a resume with 3 references to the school office by May 12. Please mark the envelope, "Attention: Amy Hill".

**A RESERVED SEAT** will be waiting for anyone willing to volunteer their time to control our church volume control system during weekend liturgies. You do not have to be a professional, but have a willing spirit to help with the quality of sound in our church. Please call the parish office for more information, 447-2087.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to the family and friends of *Lillian Rose Streaker, (77)* and *Albert J. Desjardins Jr., (61)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.

**SCAT DRIVERS** - May 23, Mike Magers & Jack Magers.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** will meet May 17, 7:30 PM at St. Francis Spirituality Center.

**BINGO WORKERS** for today, May 16: Coordinator, Jan Betz; Gate, Jan Betz; Instants, Dan Traxler, Susan Wade; Floor, Julie Brickner, Lorraine Weinger, Sharon Weber, Regina Runion; Concessions, Laura Kommick.

ASCENSION liturgies will be celebrated at the weekend Masses on May 22 & 23.

**Thursday, May 20, is not a holy day of obligation.**

**CALVERT CHEERLEADERS** will host a cheerleading camp for preschool-8th grade girls & boys on June 5, 10:00-4:00 PM and June 6, 1:00-4:00 PM. The cost of \$40.00 includes a t-shirt and lunch on Saturday. Please send check with t-shirt size to Seneca Cheer Camp, 27 St. Francis Avenue, or call Teresa Hartman, 447-1268. Deadline is May 28.

**JUNE FEST' 04 EARLY BIRD WINNER** is Judy Schleter. Congratulations Judy!!!!!!

**TOLEDO DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCOUT CAMPOREE** will be held on the grounds of the St. Francis Convent June 4-6. Registration deadline, May 28. Earn 3-5 nature related merit badges. For more information contact Frank Butwin, 874-2721.



**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY.** A time to reflect on the precious gift Jesus gave us at the foot of His cross—His mother and her motherhood to all people. FAMILIA offers bimonthly meetings to reflect on the precious gift of motherhood throughout the year! New groups are forming for Fall of 2004. Call Diane Brinkman at 448-9454 to register.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE** will meet at St. Francis Convent on May 18, 2:00 PM with Sr. Maryann.

**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](http://www.olcshrine.com).

**Upcoming Events:**

June 24-27, 6:00 PM, a weekend retreat for young adults age 18-35. Fee for the weekend is \$90.00. For more information, call 396-7970.

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

Sacrificial Giving — May 9, 2004		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	12,630.58	517
(Includes loose money & checks )	\$ 2,976.08	
Difference	\$ 369.42	
Ascension	50.00	5
Easter	\$ 4,045.00	3
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 136.00	12
<b>Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 16,861.58</b>	
Holy Land	\$ 5.00	1
Holy Father	\$ 31.00	3
Tuition Assistance	\$ 103.00	9
High School Offering	\$ 20.70	22
Children's Offering	\$ 57.41	63
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 17,078.69</b>	
<b>Easter to Date</b>	<b>\$ 27,612.36</b>	


**“52” Club Winners**  
 1. Peg & Dave Lucius  
 2. Mary L. Grillot  
 3. Gil & Marguerite Ardner  
 4. Viola Ardner  
 5. M. E. Hall

**GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP**  
**Upcoming Events, May 16;**  
 Paintball and Bike Ride, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, at Old Heritage Farm. Please meet at St. Mary parking lot at 1:00 PM.  
 General Meeting, 7:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration, 8:00 PM.

**“PROTECT YOUR NEST EGG”** will be presented by attorney, Michael Lange, who will answer questions regarding estate planning. This free community service will be May 19, 7:00 PM. at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center. Call 448-7485 for more information.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Disagreements are natural to family life and can separate us. In today's gospel Jesus prays that we “may be one so that the world may know that you sent me.” Jesus expects us to be a sign to the world. Our peace, acceptance and love is a sign of God's presence. A lot depends on us.

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**ORGAN-TRUMPET RECITAL,** May 16, 4:30 PM at St. Wendelin Church, with guest artists Timothy Huth, John Huth & Carolyn Campfield Huth. Come and enjoy the beautiful harmony of these accomplished musicians.

**ANY LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS** in the parish? If so, please contact Fr. Dave at the parish office, 447-2087.

**ST. FRANCIS SPIRITUALITY CENTER;**  
 May 29, 11:30 AM-4:00 PM, Spring's Bursting Out All Over. \$12.00, includes lunch; for more information call 443-1485.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 8th graders of our parish who received their Confirmation on Wednesday, May 12. We are jubilant that they have taken the next step in following our Lord's path. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless them



**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**