

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends,

We all like to hear the truth-unless it hurts!

After sticking very close to her diet all spring, a self-conscious woman decided to wear a pair of shorts she considered a bit daring for a lady nearing 40. As she stood at the sink doing dishes, she was thrilled to hear her young son remark, "Mom, you really look great in those blue shorts." Her illusion of recaptured youth was quickly shaken, however, when he asked, "Did you know that when you bought those shorts that they were exactly the same color as the veins in the back of your knees?"

Who among us does not like to hear good things said about them? All of us hunger for the occasions wherein others will heap compliments our way. And often times we won't even deny an exaggeration when it's spoken on our behalf. We feel great when others recognize and point out a positive element in our character. How do we feel, though, when another offers us some criticism which is not flattering?

Because we hear them so rarely, we often are very attentive to those "nice words" said about us. Because we may hear them too often, we cringe and react to those negative comments which come our way. Perhaps our first reaction is to deny that the other's observation has any merit whatsoever. In an attempt to protect our self-worth, we often, in turn, will cry that it's "the pot calling the kettle black!" We might even be tempted to point out the defects of our accuser.

During His lifetime, it seems to me that Jesus didn't pull any punches. Not only did He seek every opportunity He could to praise those around Him who had wholesome personalities, who made positive contributions, and even those of low self-esteem who needed encouragement, He also honestly faced those who were haughty and needed humility. Those who thought they were better than others, who thought they deserved privileges because of rank or possessions, and those who judged others according to criteria they themselves wouldn't live by, heard Jesus' not so subtle impression of their character. They were the salt of the earth and the white sepulchers.

When Jesus complimented others, He was not trying to flatter them. He was just being honest. When Jesus criticized others, He was not being vindictive. He also was just being honest. In both cases His goal was to help others see the truth about themselves. Truth, which when admitted by them, would usually bring about growth.

A lot of us need to hear compliments about ourselves. A lot of us need to be open to criticism too. Whichever it is we need, lets hope someone will tell us the truth-soon.

By the way, you look fantastic!



Love,

Fr. Dave

### Schedule of Liturgies

May 22-30

- SATURDAY**, May 22, Vigil: Ascension of the Lord  
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; Lillian Rose Streaker  
11:30 AM Anna Smothers; Virginia Welter
- MONDAY**, May 24, Easter Weekday  
**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**  
8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert;  
11th Marine Expeditionary Unit
- TUESDAY**, May 25, Easter Weekday  
6:30 AM Communion Service  
8:30 AM Larry Baumgartner  
**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**
- WEDNESDAY**, May 26, Philip Neri, priest  
**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**  
8:30 AM Ed & Pauline Boehler;
- THURSDAY**, May 27, Easter Weekday  
6:30 AM Communion Service  
8:30 AM Helen & Charles Burkart  
**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**
- FRIDAY**, May 28, Easter Weekday  
**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**  
8:30 AM M/M John Paulus
- SATURDAY**, May 29, Vigil: Pentecost  
4:30 PM Paul & Anna Thome; Leonard Perna  
6:30 PM David & Hilda Tiell; Evelyn Ward;  
Bob & Florence Stein
- SUNDAY**, May 30, Pentecost Sunday  
8:00 AM Eileen Ardner  
10:00 AM John P. Kesler; Adam Perna; Marie  
Hartzell  
11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

*Raylee Marie Baker, Alyssa Renee Hoerig, Breanna Nicole Hoerig, Katherine Gervase Rombach, Andrew Joseph Wagner, Jacob Michael Weingart.* We pray that the parish family will assist the parents as they guide them along the path of faith.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** are needed at Mercy Hospital during the week for patients. Please contact Sr. Rose Marie if you can help with this precious act of kindness, 448-3632.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help in our Friendship Circle.



We need helpers to weed and water on a regular basis. Please call Penny, 447-9636 if you can help.

**SCAT DRIVERS** - May 30, Ron & Mary Schriener.

**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. For more information, call the parish office, 447-2087.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to the family and friends of *Margaret C. Yoakum, (94) and William "Bill" Shelt, (83)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty-God.

### 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.

**BINGO WORKERS** for today, May 23: 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.

**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.

**CALVERT CLASS OF '79**, will be having their 25 year high school reunion on July 31 at the Boy Rangers Camp from 5:30-? Keep checking the bulletin for more information to follow.

**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.



**WIVES & MOTHERS UNITE!** Get the knowledge and support you need to fulfill your primary vocation as wife and mother through FAMILIA. Small groups meet bimonthly to study and discuss ways to enhance your marriage and family. New groups are now forming for Fall of 2004. Call Diane Brinkman at 448-9454 to register.

**A MEMORIAL MASS** will be held on Monday, May 31, at 9:00 AM at St. Mary Cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

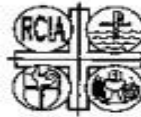
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** 10:00 AM Mass, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

**"52" Club Winners**

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chase Streacker   |                  |
| 2. Dan & Lisa Beeker | 4. Georgia Goshe |
| 3. Marygene Huth     | 5. Beth Gregg    |

**ON BEHALF** of the Office of Global Concerns, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your parishioners for the support to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. St. Mary Parish donated \$187.00 during the month of April. May we continue to share our gifts with Gods' people

**INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, or know someone who is? Come and journey with us through a process called the RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We will explore together what life in Christ means and how the Catholic Church helps in this faith journey. Classes begin in September. Sister Maryann Orians is the director. Please call the parish office at 447-2087 to register for classes. Welcome back Sister!





**TIFFIN ACE  
HARDWARE CO.**  
*Complete Hardware Service*  
 1550 W. S.R. 18 Tiffin  
**419-447-5280**

*Thank You  
To Our  
Sponsor Of  
The Week!*

**GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP**

**Upcoming Events,**

*General Meeting:* June 13, 7:00 PM, adoration 8:00 PM.  
*Dead Theologians Society,* June 20, 7:00 PM  
 Thanks to all that came to the paintball and bicycling events.  
 Fr. Tim had a terrific time and is looking forward to doing it again.



**ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL** will be needing a teacher's aide for the 2004-2005 school year. If you love children, please submit a resume with 3 references to the school office by May 25. Please mark the envelope, "Attention: Amy Hill".

Sacrificial Giving — May 16, 2004		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 9109.01	
(Includes loose money & checks )	\$ 1,634.51	
Difference	\$ 3,890.99	
Ascension	53.00	6
Easter	\$ 25.00	1
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10.00	1
<b>Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 9197.01</b>	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 65.00	3
High School Offering	\$ 14.00	14
Children's Offering	\$	
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 17,078.69</b>	
<b>Easter to Date</b>	<b>\$ 27,637.36</b>	

**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**