

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

Three turtles decided to go on a picnic. They packed lunches and arrived at the river. Before they could begin eating, it started to rain. The smallest turtle agreed to go after an umbrella if the others would promise not to eat the sandwiches while he was gone. It was agreed. They waited a day, a week, a month, until finally a whole year had gone by. Still the turtle did not return. Finally, one turtle said to the other, "He's not coming back, let's go ahead and eat the sandwiches." Just then the little turtle stuck his head from behind the nearby rock and said, "If you do, I won't go."

It seems to me that probably one of the most tragic changes that has occurred over the past quarter century is that we have learned ourselves and have taught others not to trust people. What a shame!

When I was small and had returned home from a hard day of playing, I would usually end up leaving my bike in the driveway or front yard. I can't recall my mom or dad ever warning me that I had better put it away because it would get stolen during the night. (And we didn't live in the middle of nowhere, either!) I don't recall locking the doors of our house at night or being afraid to take a walk around the block. I also don't remember dad ever telling me what time I had to be home when I was in high school and went out on a Saturday night. I think he just trusted that I had enough common sense to come home at a decent time.

A few years ago I was playing racquetball at the Y twice a week. On one occasion I discovered someone had stolen my wallet from my locker. I made a police report and felt I would never see my wallet again. Five days later, I received a package in the mail with no return address on it. Inside was my wallet with eight dollars and an anonymous letter. "Dear Sir, Please forgive me for not returning this sooner, but my young boy just brought it to me because he had finally felt guilty for stealing it. He has already spent some of the money inside, but I promise that I will repay it as soon as I can." A few weeks later the money came.

I would like to think that when we are born into this world, we come with a basic sense of trust of others. Somewhere along the way we are either told that we shouldn't have it, or we learn the lesson because we have been hurt.

When Christ came into our midst, I get the impression that while others may have hurt him often, (and he received advice even from his closest friends that he should beware of others,) he nonetheless took risks over and over again and trusted people. Others often came to trust in him and his words because he refused to take on an attitude of distrust. As a matter of fact, it is because he himself placed his trust in others who would later desert him-like Peter, that those others would change and never leave his side again. Was Christ naïve?

Inculcating an attitude of distrust of others is our choice. Surely we will all be hurt and disappointed in life because of others and the pain may be deep, but it doesn't have to paralyze us. Not everyone will live up to the trust we place in them. But then, we don't always live up to God's trust in us, do we? He hasn't given up on us yet, because he knows that at the core of our being we don't want to disappoint him! Can we offer others the same chance?

Let's get out from behind the rock and get movin'!



Love,

Fr. Dave

## Schedule of Liturgies

May 29 – June 6

- 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
- MONDAY**, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**  
9:00 AM **Mass at St. Mary Cemetery**  
Hubert & Dorothy Elchert,  
The Karl Letterhos Family;  
Paul & Anna Thome; All Dec'd of the Parish
- TUESDAY**, June 1, Justin, martyr  
6:30 AM Communion Service  
8:30 AM Dec'd of Albert & Elizabeth Ranker Family  
4:30 PM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
- WEDNESDAY**, June 2, Weekday  
8:30 AM Ed & Pauline Boehler; Herman Lauterbur
- THURSDAY**, June 3, Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs  
6:30 AM Communion Service  
8:30 AM Larry Baumgartner; John Wilhelm  
4:30 PM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
- FRIDAY**, June 4, Weekday  
7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**  
8:30 AM Special Intention; Ruth Dell
- SATURDAY**, June 5, Vigil: Trinity Sunday  
4:30 PM John Puffenberger; Michaelina Paulus  
6:30 PM Twila Falter; Herman & Tina Lauterbur  
Dick Theis; Arthur & Margaret Steinmetz
- SUNDAY**, June 6, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
8:00 AM Nelson Kin; James R. Smith;  
George H. Elchert  
10:00 AM Francis Theis; Jake & Nellie Culichia;  
Michaelina Paulus;  
Ed & Pauline Boehler Family  
11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family



**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, 448-9636 if you can help.




**SCAT DRIVERS** - June 6, Joseph Buckley & Barb Kuhn.

**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 *Joseph Keefe, (86)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.

**BINGO WORKERS** for today, May 30: Coordinator, Donna Burkart; Gate, Donna Burkart, Lisa Russell; Instants, Doug Wilhelm, Buzz Russell; Floor, Dan Burkart, Jim Hoffman, Kathy Hoffman; Concessions, Marsha Marinis.

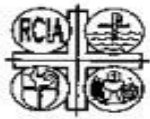
**BOY & CUB SCOUTS & PARENTS** are needed to carry the large American flag in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31. Please meet at St. Joe's Church at 9:30 AM in uniform. If it rains, we will not walk. 

**ZENOBIA SHRINE** is sponsoring a free screening for children from birth-18 with orthopedic, burn, or spinal cord problems on June 12, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM at Defiance Regional Med. Center.

**GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP**

*General Meeting:* June 13, 7:00 PM, adoration 8:00 PM.  
*Dead Theologians Society,* June 20, 7:00 PM

**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!



**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** for May 23 is Mr. James Dell. Congratulations!! Only one more early bird winner left; hurry and sell those tickets!!!

**A MEMORIAL MASS** will be held on Monday, May 31, at 9:00 AM at St. Mary Cemetery. **Everyone is welcome to join us.** Please bring your chairs. There will be no Mass at 8:30 AM in the church. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in St. Mary Church.

**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.

| Sacrificial Giving — May 23, 2004 |                     |      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Description                       | Amt.                | Env. |
| Amt. Needed Each Sunday           | \$ 13,000.00        |      |
| Sunday Offering                   | \$ 10,193.84        | 443  |
| (Includes loose money & checks )  | \$ 990.84           |      |
| Difference                        | \$ 2,806.16         |      |
| Ascension                         | 286.00              | 47   |
| <b>Deposit</b>                    | <b>\$ 10,479.84</b> |      |
| Tuition Assistance                | \$ 56.00            | 5    |
| High School Offering              | \$ 11.75            | 14   |
| Children's Offering               | \$ 54.30            | 59   |
| <b>Total Sunday</b>               | <b>\$ 10,601.89</b> |      |
| <b>Total Easter</b>               | <b>\$ 27,637.36</b> |      |

**"52" Club Winners**

1. Jenn & Oliva Myers
2. Carmen Cervantes
3. Lowell & Ben Bugner
4. Jeanette Caseman
5. Ron Wehrle

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Today's gospel tells us that God actually wants to take up residence in our home, as part of our family. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells.

**A PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER/COOK** is needed for the summer at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. If interested, please call 332-6522.

**CHICKEN DINNER** to benefit Wendy Harris on June 6, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Upper Sandusky. This benefit is sponsored by her friends following major surgery that has left her unable to work with no insurance or job. She is a single mother of 3. For information, 294-2831.

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**UPCOMING FESTIVALS:**

*St. Wendelin Festival*, June 11, 6:00 PM - Midnight, June 12, 4:00 PM-Midnight, & June 13, 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM. Chose the chicken dinner or Mexican dinner to curb your appetite.

*St. Peter Festival* at St. Peter's School, Upper Sandusky, June 13, 11:30 AM-10:00 PM. BBQ Chicken and Pork Chop Dinners will be some of the selections to chose from.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** for the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will be on Sunday, June 13, from 12:50 PM-1:50 PM. Please meet at St. Mary. This event is sponsored by St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishes. Refreshments will be provided. Call 448-1866 with any questions.

**SCRIP WILL CONTINUE** through the summer months. Tuesdays will remain as pick-up and drop-off days. **School summer office hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Monday through Friday.** You may also bring in your orders to the parish office before 5:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to save on your St. Mary and Calvert tuition, in addition to helping the parish. *Have a great summer students and teachers!!*

**VISA CREDIT CARD APPLICATIONS** from St. Joseph Federal Credit Union are available in the St. Mary School and parish offices. All members of St. Mary Parish are eligible to apply for this card. Please ask for a card with St. Mary School pictured on it, so our school will receive a percentage of all purchases made. If your present VISA card has St. Joseph School pictured on it, you may request one for St. Mary School. Please pick up an application form today and support our Catholic Schools. Applications are available in the school office and the parish office.

**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.

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