

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, May 24 ♦ The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming
 (Tom & Leslie Fleming & Family)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 25 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, May 26 ♦ St. Philip Neri

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Dominican Sisters –
 Sr. Ann Keenan, O.P.)

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday, May 27 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox
 (Jim & Annie Gillilan)

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday, May 28 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Chris Stluka (His Family)

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. John J. & Ellen Kustron [deceased]
 (Jack & Jan Kustron)

Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. George A. Clark (Mary O. Clark)

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 31 ♦ Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. James & Patricia Manley
 (Anonymous)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners and those who are ill: Eugene Baumert, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Dick Morbitzer, Rita Neff, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
May 17, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$1,813.10
Communications = \$329.65	Votives..... 48.00
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 87 11:00 a.m. = 102	Novena/1st Friday.....0.00
	Repair.....95.00
	Less Tax.....(97.87)
	Net to Parish..... \$1,858.29

Update on Monsignor Corcoran

Msgr. Corcoran was released from Mount Carmel Hospital to Mother Angeline McCrory Manor on Tuesday, May 19th, for special care. He appreciates all your prayers and cards. The parish is planning a special gift in gratitude for his years of service to the parish. More details to follow.

Pentecost Sunday – May 31st

In anticipation of Pentecost Sunday, here is a prayer from Living with Christ:

We praise You, God, for your gift of the new life that Jesus shares with us now. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us as You did those first disciples so that we might also witness this new life to all those around us. Transform us through Your love so that we might share this new life and transform our world.

AMEN

Catholic Communication Collection Results

Thank you for your generosity and support for the Catholic Communication Collection held last week. \$329.65 was contributed.

NAMI WALK

Many thanks to those who supported our walk for NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness). Our parishioner Ann Seren and her team turned in over \$900.00. Congratulations on supporting a most needy cause.

Women and Spirit

An interesting and educational exhibit of the story of Catholic Sisters in America is being sponsored by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. It is titled *Women and Spirit* and is an invitation to discover a world that few have seen but millions have shared. The archivists of many religious congregations have provided history, photos and artifacts for the display. Cincinnati will have the first showing from May 16-August 30, 2009.

Sr. Pat would be happy to accompany anyone interested in attending. Call the office (224-3416).

Experience a Monk's Life

The Benedictine monks of Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland invite young men between the ages of 18-45 years to participate in their summer "Living with Benedict" monastic vocation discernment retreats which will be held June 5-7, 2009 and August 14-16, 2009. Contact Fr. Gerard, OSB, for further information at gerard@cbhs.net or visit their web site at www.bocohio.org.

THE WORD

Most dioceses in the United States have moved the solemnity of the Ascension from Thursday to Sunday. Too many American Catholics were missing an important celebration in the Church year. Observing the feast forty days after Easter is not central to the celebration. Only Luke has Jesus ascending to heaven forty days after his resurrection. Matthew has an ascension but doesn't indicate when, only where: in Galilee; and John has Jesus ascending immediately on Easter Sunday after speaking to Mary Magdalene and before appearing to the apostles. Mark puts his ascension right on Easter Sunday night after he appears to the Eleven.

What is important for us and common to all four events is the point that the risen Lord sent out his disciples to preach the Gospel right before he ascended. In Mark's Gospel today we hear him say, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 15:15) I am reminded of those Westerns in which a wagon train is traveling across the country. Early each morning the cry would come, "Move on out!" Our annual celebration of the Ascension reminds us once again that we are called to "move on out."

The Ascension is an important part of the story of a new creation that begins with Jesus' death and resurrection. These events signaled a new era. The Ascension advances that story by telling us that Jesus ascended to the Father where he now intercedes for us. But not only that! As Mark reminds us in the final words of his Gospel, "they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." (Mark 16:20) This presence of the Lord remains with us to this day when we proclaim the Gospel through our words and deeds.

So as Luke's angels said two millennia ago, "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11) Move on out. There is work to be done.

– from "Living the Word"

✠ 24 May 2009 ✠

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The first reading begins on page 131
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist

Entrance Hymn *Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise [verses 1 & 2] (Hymnal #580)*

Responsorial Psalm *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Missalette, p. 132, #86)*

Gospel Acclamation (Missalette, p. 134, #87)

Offertory Hymn *Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing (Hymnal #579)*

Communion Hymn *Take and Eat (Hymnal #648)*

Closing Hymn *Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise [verses 3 & 4] (Hymnal #580)*

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Parish Celebration of Dan Dury's ordination to the Diaconate on Sunday, June 7, 2009, following each Mass**
- 2) **Parish Potluck – Friday, July 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds between church and Cum Christo Center**
- 3) **Parish Feast Day – Sunday, September 13, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

Town Meeting Update

Sincere gratitude to the 25 folks who came to our Town Hall meeting last Sunday, May 17th. We are moving ahead with suggestions for links from our web site; an invitation to the sharing of talents you will experience on Pentecost Sunday; Looking forward to a Ministry Fair in September; dialoguing with other parishes in our Deanery about beginning a Parish Council; and outreach to new and/or nonparticipating Catholics. We will keep you informed and will be requesting your help as our parish moves into the future.

Capital Campaign Update

We have received 13 additional responses from parishioners and friends of Holy Cross. These responses range from \$25.00 to \$600.00. If you haven't responded yet, there is time for you to make a pledge or pay against an existing pledge. Thanks for your generosity.

GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP AT A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Like the plants emerging these last few weeks, our relationships need time and attention to grow and flourish. At a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you'll learn how to cultivate and fertilize for a stronger, more spiritual relationship. Plan ahead for one of the next two weekends in Columbus, on July 17-19 and September 25-27. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our web site at www.wmccolumbus.org.

High School Students

FREE ROAD TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC,
 FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

The diocesan Office for Vocations in conjunction with the Greater Columbus Chapter Knights of Columbus Councils is sponsoring a free trip to the National Eucharistic Congress, September 10-13 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Contact Bob Moraine (614-221-5565, ext. 293) or go to www.seekholiness.com.