

Pastor's Corner



THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When reading the accounts of the early Christian community as narrated by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, it sounds so nice and wonderful that we are tempted to look at it as something in the past more than present. The Holy Spirit is still present in our lives and active in our community today as it was in Peter's time. Most times the Spirit seems absent in our communities because we do not allow the Spirit the opportunity to work within us nor do we pay attention to his works in our midst. If we do, we would be surprised to find out that he is not far from us as we think.

Do we ever realize that the Holy Spirit brought us to faith in Christ? In the second reading today, Paul tells us that no one can say, "Jesus is Lord" unless one is led by the Spirit. Each one of us one steps after the other was led to Christ by him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our faith grows in strength day after day. The Holy Spirit moves us to pray when we are at prayer, no matter how short our prayer is. We do not do good deeds because we want to do them; it is because we listen to the voice of the Spirit. According to Paul it is the Spirit who inspires us to turn to God with confidence and call him "Abba" - Father, just as Jesus did. The Spirit enlightens us and helps us grasp the message contained in the word of God. Each Sunday we listen to the word of God and his preaching through the instrument of his priest; but for the Holy Spirit acting within you and the priest, the words of the priest would have lacked all strength and you would have listened to them without being moved by them the least. The Holy Spirit is still present with us as it was with the early church. If it is not for the actions of the Spirit, our community would have ceased long ago.

On this feast of Pentecost let us open up to the Spirit and allow the Spirit to "melt us mold us and use us".

I would like you to keep the 4,000 members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritans, in your prayers on this day as Holy Spirit Fathers celebrate their 312 years of their establishment, especially Fathers

Matthew Amoako-Attah, Joshua Otusafo and myself, Fr. Francis, as we celebrate our feast day today. The Spiritans are working in all five continents in the world and in over 65 countries including Russia and China. Sometimes we think the Spiritans came into the Archdiocese with my presence, but the Spiritans have been in the Archdiocese since the late 1800's.

In 1851 Archbishop John B. Purcell visited Fr. Francis Libermann and asked him to staff the Inter diocesan seminary in Cincinnati. He consented. Fr. Ignace Schwindenhammer was told to embark with some companions for the U.S.A. Somehow the affair fell through. It was only when the Congregation was expelled from Germany as Jesuit-related that in 1872 the decision was made to begin a province by opening a college in Covington, Kentucky. As the provincial designate Fr. Joseph Strub could not go at once, Fr. George Ott was temporarily in charge. When they arrive in Covington, the local bishop told them that they have come "one year too soon". There was no place for them to stay together and Fr. Ott went to Cincinnati to explore possibilities.

Archbishop Purcell received him with open arms and offered him St. Boniface in Piqua with its five mission stations. The offer was eagerly accepted; a parish in Berlin (Fort Loramie) followed and a House for Brothers near Pontiac was acquired. The Spiritans earned their bishop's praise doing the work they were doing. The Spiritans opened the following parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati which was mostly farm areas.

- **TROY OH St Patrick 1872-1876**

The Frs. Charles STEURER, John B. KAYSER, Matthew HEIZMANN and James RICHERT served this mission parish consecutively for an average of one year

- **PIQUA OH St. Boniface 1873-1876**

Fr. George OTT accepted this German Parish in 1873 and Fr. Francis W. SCHWAB served as its pastor from April 1873 until October 2, 1876 when it was returned to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Several other Fathers resided there also while taking care of neighboring parishes.

- **FRENCHTOWN OH Holy Family 1873-1876**

Fr. John B. KAYSER was listed as its Spiritan pastor from 1873, but remained there until 1877, the last year as a diocesan priest.

- **TIPP CITY OH St. John Baptist 1874-1877**

Formerly called Tippecanoe, the town was another mission Parish that was manned consecutively for an average of one year by the Frs. John B. KAYSER, James RICHERT and Matthew HEIZMANN UNTIL the Spiritans withdrew from the diocese.

- **PONTIAC OHIO St. Joseph's House 1873-1877**

Built as a novitiate by the Marianists, this house was acquired in 1873 to serve especially as a Brother's community and formation house. It also was used as a central community for the Spiritan Fathers working in

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Ohio. The last Spiritan left it in 1877 and that was sold in 1882.

- **VERSAILLES OH St. Denis 1873-1878**

The following Fathers served in this parish: Fr. Francis W. SCHWAB and Fr. George OTT in 1873, Fr. John B. KAYSER, 1873-1876, Fr. James RICHERT 1876-1877 and Fr. Francis ROTH. Who had left the Congregation in 1876 at the expiration of his vows, but regretted it soon after and was finally readmitted in 1887.

- **DAYTON OH St. John the Baptist 1928-1963**

In 1891 Archbishop William Henry Elder asked the Spiritans to come and take over the ministry to the blacks in Cincinnati but this couldn't materialize until the time of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, OP, in 1928, three years as an Archbishop of Cincinnati. This parish given was St. John the Baptist Church in Cincinnati.

The Archbishop asked the Spiritans to take care of the growing African American Community in Dayton and in September 5, 1928, Frs. Edward Malloy and Fr. Henry Thessing became the pastors of St. John the Baptist Parish which was between Krug and William Street in Dayton. St. John's Parish was truly Home for the African American Catholics in Dayton until in 1963 when this church has to give way to the new high way now I-75 & State route 35. Parishioners were asked to join St. James and Resurrection while a few opted to go to St. Agnes. In 1994 with the abrupt departure of Fr. Tom Stricker, the Holy Ghost Fathers were again asked to serve the Parish of Resurrection and Fr. Freddy Washington was appointed the Pastor. These two parishes merge in October 1999 when constraints led to the closure of St. James Parish. These two parishes continued their Journey of finding a neutral location where they can worship together and also to give chance to their long awaited dream of having a church on their own. Thanks to God on May 14, 2005 a new parish and new Church was dedicated by Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk with his first appointed Pastor Fr. Francis Tandoh, a Spiritan priest.

Since 1921, the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) had dedicated their ministry in Dayton among African American Catholics and the inner city Parishes. Today we continue to serve parishioners within the inner city of Dayton and perform our ministries among the rural Parishes. We are three Spiritans currently working in the Archdiocese but serving eight parishes with 30miles radios, Our Lady of Grace, Queen of Martyrs, St. Benedict, St. Mary all in the urban Dayton, and St. Augustine, St. Mary (Camden), St. John New Paris and Visitation Church Eaton in rural certain. We hope that as we have been serving Regions one and two and now Preble county Parishes, we have become a light that shines to brighten the life of the people we serve and the entire Archdiocese. May the Spirit fill all of you.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

There will be Worship Commission Meeting on Tuesday May 26 at Germantown St. Augustine's Church.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

Thank you to the ladies who put pretty flowers in church every Sunday. Thank you to the men and women who put up the beautiful banners in church. Thank you all for volunteering your time!!

REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] = St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary

Fri. May 29 8am [SM] SM Parishioners

Sat. May 30 4:30pm [SB] SB Parishioners
4:30pm [SM] Rose McKenna

The Most Holy Trinity

Sun. May 31 8:15am [SA] Myron & Margo Shapiro
(Anniversary)

9:45am [SM] Rev. Tom Gaeke,

40th Anniversary of Ordination

11am [SB] SB Parishioners

1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary

Mon. 5/25 **MEMORIAL DAY; OFFICES CLOSED**

Wed. 5/27 Bible Study 7pm [SB]

Thurs 5/28 Bible Study 10am [SMC]

Sun 5/31 Bible Study 10:45am [SMC]

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS May 17, 2015

St. Mary Weekly Goal: \$4116.00

Weekly \$2831.68 envelopes used: 56

SVDP: \$50 Building fund: \$195

TOTAL: \$3076.68

YTD collection \$168,685.86 SHORTFALL (\$14,534.56)

St. Benedict Weekly Goal \$5,200.00

May 16/17 \$3579.51 Maintenance: \$359.62 UNCF \$100

St. Augustine May 10: \$980.00 SVDP \$150

*Remembering those
who paid for our
freedom.*



**PRAY FOR OUR PARISH
MILITARY MEMBERS**



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Saundra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, EOD3 Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC, SSgt Jennifer Wagner, USAF, LCpl Jacob Deis, USMC.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB

In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadie Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mark Wells, Gloria Patton, Jessie Campbell, Betty Jones, Pat Bell, Janis Lowery, Myrtle Truitt, Susie Roberts, Anna Brown, Richard Campbell.

**IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING
FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES**

Eddie Weaver	Mary Scott
Ralph Reid	Mary Scott
Mary Paschal	Livingston Care Center
Artie Oliver	Mercy Sienna
Vernon Saine	Maria Joseph

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
THE SHUT INS OF ST. AUGUSTINE.**

Joe Szaruga, Kathy Schindler,
June Helmers and Fran Chroniak

**ST. BENEDICT LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

MAY 31ST – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1st Reader – Carla Arnold; 2nd Reader – Derek Arnold
Petitions – Rita Ellicott

Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker,
Kathy Garrison, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell,
Janice Allen, Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Victor O'Basuyi
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ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 31 Lectors: Patrick Barnett, Tim Rennecker
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Stewart, Jeff & Sandy Bruns,
Sylvia Hess, Frank Kozarec, Betty & Tim Stueve, Mary
Hickle **Ushers:** Todd Kozarec, Tim Pheiffer, Ray Metzger
Servers: Austin Valenti, Anne Pheiffer, Aiden Valenti

ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 30 - 9:30am

[S] Patty Stevens

[L] FJ Linsenmeyer, Steve Himes

[E] Delora Michel, Callista McHenry, Debbie Hoover,
Mary Ann Faulstick

May 31 - 9:30am

[S] Mark Bruggeman

[L] Robert Obach, Mary Saluke

[E] Adrianna Wagner, Ed Camacho, Sabrina Furlow,
Michell Schindler, Jo North, Phil & Bonnie Doepker

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

**With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life
Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word**

Next Sunday's scripture: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20

How are you answering Jesus' call to be a disciple?.

Christ sends us to all peoples. Where do you find
yourself to narrow in your approach to people, to
limited by your upbringing?

How has your view about God changed during your
lifetime? What caused the changes?

Relate an experience of struggling with something
you felt was too much for you. How did you resolve
it?

REGION ONE YOUTH CAMP

Our Regional Youth Camp begins this year on
July 6 through 10. Please mark your calendar.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
AT BERGAMO**

The Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning is seek-
ing a **part-time Cook**, with the possibility of full time em-
ployment. Requires flexible hours to include weekends.
Transportation is essential. Apply in per-son or submit a
letter of interest and resume to Brent Devitt, Executive Di-
rector, by email to info@bergamocenter.org or by mail to
Bergamo Cen-ter for Lifelong Learning, 4400 Shakertown
Rd, Day-ton, OH 45430. (937) 426-2363

Opening for an **additional housekeeper, part-time
employment**, day shift, flexible hours, includes some
weekends, cleaning guestrooms and public are-as, transpor-
tation essential. Apply in person or sub-mit a letter of inter-
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY AND SENIOR RESPITE PROGRAM

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's renovated Choice Food Pantry in Dayton is re-opening in late May, and at least four additional personal shoppers will be needed every morning (M-F) from approximately 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, volunteer Senior Respite Aides are needed to provide a four-hour break once a week for persons who serve as the full-time caregiver for an elderly spouse or family member. For more information, contact Cathy Guerrant at 223-7217 x1146 or volunteer@cssmv.org

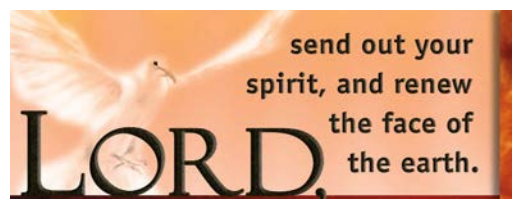
SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp time is right around the corner and Carroll High School offers a variety of fun, educational camps for youth. We offer Digital Photography/Art, Drama, Young Authors, Woodworking, Music, and PATS (a free camp for special needs children, ages 8 -18), while our athletic camps feature soccer, football, basketball, wrestling and volleyball. Enroll your child in the fun! Visit our website at www.carrollhs.org/2015summercamps to register today!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR. GAEKE



On May 30, 1975 Fr. Thomas Gaeke was ordained a priest at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton. St. Francis of Assisi parish on Wilmington Pike would like to celebrate the 40th anniversary of this ordination with him on the weekend of June 6 and 7. On Saturday Fr Gaeke will be the main celebrant of the 5:30 pm Mass and he will concelebrate the Sunday Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. He will preach at all the Masses. Following each Mass there will be a reception in the church hall. We cordially invite all St Mary parishioners to come and celebrate this milestone anniversary.



ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR PRAYER MINISTRY

St. Benedict the Moor Prayer Ministry will be leaving a basket at the back of the church. Parishioners are encouraged to put their petitions in the basket. Intentions will be added to the intentions during mass, after which it will be left at the Blessed Sacrament.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is returning to Dayton! Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the LPMP offers lay Catholics the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge and skills through theological studies and spiritual formation. The integrated approach provides you with the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to become what Pope Francis calls a "missionary disciple", serving families, parishes and communities effectively.

Saturday classes allow you to maintain work and family commitments while discerning a call or preparing for new opportunities. Call Deacon Hal Belcher, 419-305-5486 or email hbelcher001@woh.rr.com for information or to schedule a personal appointment, or attend an informal information meeting Saturday May 23rd, 9:30 AM at the Pilarczyk Center, 1436 Needmore Road. The session will include the benefits of lay formation, program components, the application process and your questions.



CALLING MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

Are you a member of the Class of 2015? Are you graduating from kindergarten, grade school, high school or college?

We want to let folks in our region know and congratulate you in the bulletin for your accomplishments. Email us at stmaryparish@stmarydayton.org with all your information - who you are, where you graduated from and what your plans are for the future. We will be glad to share.