

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel, the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes, we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 1
8:30 a.m. J.B. & Frankie Gass +

Tuesday, May 2
8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Sliemers Family +

Wednesday, May 3
8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +

Friday, May 5
8:30 a.m. Clarence Helmig +

Saturday, May 6
8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Barb Roepke +
Louis Acerro +

Sunday, May 7
8:30 a.m. Ralph & Rosemary Sroufe +
Mary Lyle +
11:00 a.m. Robert Ellinger +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

MARRIAGE BANNES:

Julie Baker & Matt Boatman, I

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, April 30
CONFIRMATION AT THE 11:00 A.M. MASS
12:30 p.m. - Serve & Share Community Meal
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, May 1
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass in church

Thursday, May 4
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, May 5
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 6
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

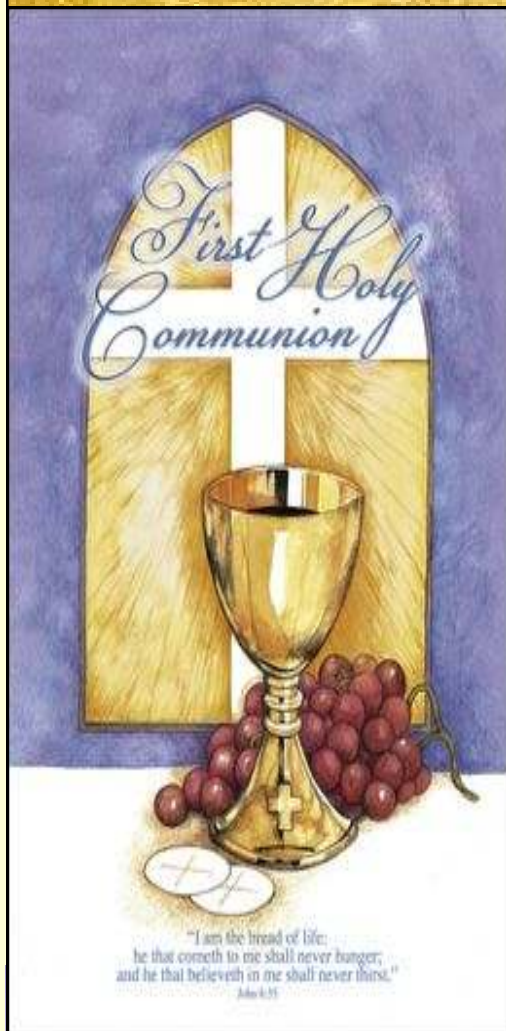
Sunday, May 7
GRADUATION MASS AT 11:00 A.M.
MAY CROWNING AT THE 11:00 A.M. MASS
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
April, 4th week On-line: \$ 1,543.00	\$ 10,078.29	\$ 10,205.91
# of Envelopes	267	265
YTD Totals:	\$ 491,382.28	\$ 466,700.73

EASTER COLLECTION: \$11,757.16 - THANK YOU!

First Holy Communion



*Congratulations to all of
our First Communicants
who received Jesus
for the very first time
last weekend.*

ST. GERARD PARISH

Lima, Ohio

April 23, 2017

Stephanie Cabellero

Kervin Cantimbuhan

Noah Cotrell

Preston Crist

Jenni Cancholar-Flores

Sampson Hooker

Marlie Mason

Caiden Miester

Logan Moran

Jaylon Patton

Connor Saunders

Natalie Sherrick

Noah Sutton

Jacob Szipple

Zachary White

Maxwell Williams

Madeline Yahl

Kristen Zuercher

100TH ANNIVERSARY OUR LADY'S APPEARANCES AT FATIMA:

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that she had been sent by God with a message for the world. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by World War I, she promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. She called on all of us to pray the Rosary daily.



During May, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the sanctuary. As in recent years, everyone is invited to bring flowers to place before her. Before each weekend Mass, a decade of the rosary will be prayed.

A special statue of Our Lady of Fatima which moves from town to town will be present in the church on May 12th. An evening of prayer and song in her honor will be held that day at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please plan on attending!

MAY CROWNING:

Our Parish May Crowning will be held on Sunday, May 7th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This will be in conjunction with the "Senior" Mass being held this same day.

PARISH DIRECTORY/HISTORY ALBUM:

The 100th Anniversary History Albums will be here soon! Many additional photographs were contributed in February, and we missed our deadline to have all families photographed by Thanksgiving. But the results are better than ever! The publisher should have them finished in about a month. Thank you for your patience! Any questions or to purchase one of the remaining copies, please call or text Michael Ayers at 419-236-8418.

THANK YOU:

The family of **Louis Acerro** would like to thank the ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society for preparing and serving the luncheon on the day of his funeral. It was appreciated very much.

SERVE & SHARE MEAL:

The Serve & Share Community Meal will be held TODAY, April 30th from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS:

Mother's Day cards are available on the tables at the church exits. There is a beautiful card to give to your mother, as well as an envelope for your donation to the Novena of Masses that will be offered for all mothers ~ both living and deceased. Please return your donation in the regular collection or to the rectory office. Thank you.





SENIOR GRADUATION MASS:

Our Senior Graduation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017. We will recognize all of our graduating seniors from St. Gerard Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, with a brunch to follow in the Parish Hall. Your daughter/son should have received a letter outlining all of the details. Please read and respond to it as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOMESCHOOLING MASS:

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo Diocese? Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our 13th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass. The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, will be celebrating our Mass.

If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at oyc81@yahoo.com by May 26th. We can't wait to see you there!!!

CURSILLO:

Cursillo will have an Ultreya get-together at 7:30 p.m. TODAY, April 30th, in the St. Charles Church gathering space on the south side of the church located on the corner of Elm Street and Cable Road in Lima.

ENGAGED COUPLES CONFERENCE:

St. John, Lima, will host an Engaged Couples Conference at St. John Church on Sunday, May 21st beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you are planning a wedding during the remainder of 2017, and you need to attend a conference within the Diocese of Toledo, please register by calling the parish office at 419-222-5521. Registration deadline is May 5th. Cost is \$20 per couple.

TRIP TO FATIMA:

Join Fr. Steve Schroeder and Deacon Ron Plenzer for a faith filled week in Fatima. The dates are October 7th-15th, 2017. Cost is \$4,200.00. To register, please go to: www.procatholictours.com or call 769-220-2702.

CINCO DE MAYO DINNER:

A Cinco De Mayo Dinner will be held at St. Rose School, Lima on Friday, May 5th from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults (eat in/all you can eat); \$7 for children. Carry outs available. Please pre-pay. Call (419) 222-5521 or (419) 223-6361, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CYO SUMMER KICKBALL

This program is for girls currently in grades 2-8 and boys currently in grades 2-6 who are enrolled at St. Gerard, St. Rose, St. Charles **and** the PSR programs. All kickball teams play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the St. Gerard softball diamond and the season runs from June 6-July 10. The cost is \$10 and each participant receives a team shirt. Please have registration and money in no later than **Friday, May 5th**. Registration packets can be picked up in the rectory office for any student enrolled in the PSR program. Students at St. Gerard School received a copy already. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Kelly Gronas at gronask@sccslima.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 6:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, D. Griffo, D. & J. Hollingsworth, J. Stewart, S. Tschuor B. VonLehmden, J. Wolff, M. DeVita, S. Parker*

Sunday, May 7:

8:30 a.m. *P. Huffman, J. Inskip, N. Jenkins, C. Altenbach, M. King, S. Martin, G. Merkel, S. Nocera, E. & R. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, S. Dew, R. Karbowiak, T. Meyer, C. Wreede, C. Coleman, R. Vagedes, J. Neville, K. Spears, M. Spears*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

May 6: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

May 7: 8:30 a.m. - *P. Nutter*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

May 6: 5:00 p.m. - *See new schedule*

May 7: 8:30 a.m. - *See new schedule*
11:00 a.m. - *See new schedule*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MAY:

Chris Diaz, Sadie Bourk, Pat Flick

MEMORIAL DAY MASS:

The Annual Memorial Day Mass at Gethsemani Cemetery will be Monday, May 29th at 11:30 a.m. under the tent by the mausoleum. Please bring your lawn chairs and come honor your deceased loved ones at this Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Sunday, May 7th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please remember to pray that many young people will consider a call to vocations.

SCRIP:

Please remember that by utilizing SCRIP, you are helping to support our school!



ST. GERARD PARISH FESTIVAL

The 39th Annual St. Gerard Festival is coming up on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. In the back of the Church are sign-up sheets for each booth for the festival. Please leave your name and phone number and the booth chair would be glad to call and set up a time that works for you to volunteer.

SET-UP & TEAR-DOWN CREWS NEEDED:

It's that time of year again where we are working hard to plan out this year's festival. The Festival is the biggest fundraiser for the parish and is not possible without the help of many volunteers. **We are asking you to consider to be a part of the crew that helps set up for the festival, as well as tear down the festival. Please, please consider joining this crew. If we don't have help in this area, the festival will be in big trouble!**

If you are interested helping with this crew, please contact Michael Mays at 419-604-9526 or mmays@sgslima.org.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

The raffle tickets have been distributed to all of our sellers. If you would like to purchase a ticket for \$20.00 and be offered a chance to win \$10,000.00, please see one of our many ticket sellers or stop by the rectory office to purchase one. Please return your sold tickets to the rectory office, or feel free to put them in the collection basket on Sunday's. Thanks!

ST. GERARD ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Report is for the past five years (2012 -2017)

St. Gerard Rosary Altar Society promotes love for and practice of the rosary. One of the many functions of the Rosary Altar Society is to provide care and assist with the expenses of altar supplies such as hosts, wine and candles. Ladies sign up for a month at a time and every Saturday clean the altar area.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon to say the rosary. After saying the rosary and other prayers, the members go to a different restaurant each month for lunch. Meetings are held from September to May. The May meeting is a Mother/Daughter Dinner and is usually held in the evening.



All women of the parish are automatically members of the Rosary Altar Society. Dues are \$5.00 a year and an envelope for dues is included with the September envelopes. If you pay online, dues can be put in any envelope with your name and marked for Rosary Altar Society and drop in the collection basket or mail it to: St. Gerard Church, c/o Rosary Altar Society, 240 W. Robb Ave., Lima, OH 45801. So far for 2017, eighty-eight women have paid their dues.

There are two bake sales a year. One is before Christmas and the other one is held before Easter.

The Society cooks and serves funeral dinners. Members also are called to bring desserts.

Vigil Lights are a large source of fund raising along with the dues and bake sales.

Some Expenses incurred in the last 5 years (2012-2017):

Education Fund - \$2,500.	LCC Scholarships each year - \$1,000.
Church Air Condition - \$2,000	Sweeper for sacristy - \$149
Altar Boy Cassocks - \$322	Altar Boy Supplies - \$169
Priest Vestments - \$500	Church Renovation - \$500
Vigil Lights - \$5,000 a year	Hosts - \$1,200 a year
Bishop Thomas Reception - \$93	Priests Christmas Gifts - \$300
Cleaning of Church Floor - \$1,000	Diocesan Church Bulletins - \$434/year
Library Donation for Alex Rigg Eagle Scout project - \$200	

Other expenses include: candle purificators; candles; stands for candles; globes; lights and communion towels

**Thank you to all who support and contribute to the
Rosary Altar Society.**