

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**  
 Jesus says "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**  
**Monday, June 26**  
 8:30 a.m. Ed Nixon +  
**Tuesday, June 27**  
 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Mark Thompson & Moyer Families  
**Wednesday, June 28**  
 8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +  
 6:30 p.m. Gladys Sharum + Walter Pensky +  
**Thursday, June 29**  
 8:30 a.m. Patricia J. Moore +  
**Friday, June 30**  
 8:30 a.m.  
**Saturday, July 1**  
 8:30 a.m. The Poor Souls +  
 5:00 p.m. Angela Knott + Louis Acerro +  
**Sunday, July 2**  
 8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling + Kamryn Cunningham & Larry Cox +  
 11:00 a.m. Jim Ladden +  
 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**  
**Sunday, June 25**  
 Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
**Monday, June 26**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, June 27**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, June 28**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena  
 6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at the grotto  
**Thursday, June 29**  
 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, June 30**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**Saturday, July 1**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
 Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday, July 2**  
 Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
June, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,210.00	\$ 11,660.18	\$ 12,463.13
# of Envelopes	290	300
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 566,468.75</b>	<b>\$ 544,084.27</b>

**ONLINE GIVING:**

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the Online Giving link - it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish!

**PETER'S PENCE  
COLLECTION:**

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

**COUNTRY FEST:**

Maria Stein Country Fest will be held June 23-25, 2017 in Maria Stein, OH. Free entertainment, free parking and free admission. All are welcome!



**FESTIVAL FOOD  
AVAILABLE:**

We have extra tenderloins, hamburgers and ice cream in the freezer from our festival. Next weekend



(July 1st and 2nd), following the Masses, we will be selling these items by the case at our cost.

Stop by the cafeteria building after Mass. It will be a first-come, first-serve event. Once they're gone, they're gone!



**Diocese  
of Toledo**

**A REQUEST FROM OUR BISHOP**

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Toledo,

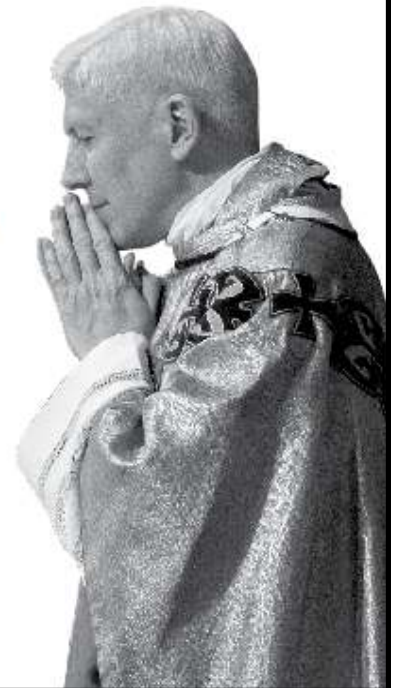
It is only by your prayers and the tremendous assistance of so many tireless coworkers, that I have been sustained by the Lord in my duties of shepherding two dioceses.

As I enter the sixth month of serving as Apostolic Administrator of Cleveland, I ask you to redouble your prayers that the Lord may give every grace to fulfill this role. Please also remember the intentions of Bishop Richard Lennon in retirement, and of Pope Francis, as we await his appointment of a new bishop for the Diocese of Cleveland.

With deep thanks in Christ Jesus,

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas



**ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:**

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.





**VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER:**

Just as a reminder, **PLEASE**, make sure that when you light a votive candle, that the stick you lit it with is completely extinguished in the container provided. The "live matches" are in one container and a container of "water" is on the other side. We have found quite a few of the "used" matches in the "unused" container. This poses the opportunity for a fire. We are currently looking at the safest way of disposing the used matches without risking another fire. We ask you to please double check to be sure your lit match is indeed "out" and properly discarded. Thank you.



**NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

At the Masses this weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please bring your needs to our Mother Mary who is our Perpetual Help ~ always there to bring us comfort and peace.



**PRAYER CLOTH:**

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. These cloths were crocheted by two of our parishioners and were donated to the church. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.

**LAWN ANGEL:**

Lawn Angel is a joint venture by Fits Lawn Care and The Salvation Army to provide affordable lawn care services to elderly and disabled individuals that do not have the ability or means to maintain their lawn. Qualifying individuals would be shut-ins, older individuals with no family, disabled individuals without the means or ability to maintain their lawns. Often these individuals are taken advantage of or have to deal with code enforcement problems. That's where Lawn Angel can help. There are NO contracts to sign, only a minimal fee of \$15.00 per lawn. The Salvation Army will process individuals for approval. Once approved, Fits Lawn Care will contact them to access the lawn care need and schedule. The program is limited to 100 lawns. For more information, contact Angie Long at 419-224-9055, ext. 216.

**ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:**

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, July 1:**

5:00 p.m. *M. & M. Hinegardner, L. Makley,  
D. Griffo, J. & D. Hollingsworth,  
B. VonLehmden, M. DeVita,  
B. Peebles, J. Wolf*

**Sunday, July 2:**

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, L. Dodge, P. Huffman,  
M. King, J. Korzan, T. Martin,  
G. Merkel, M.J. Miller, E. Orwick,  
R. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *C. Wreede, J. Kahle, F. Thompson,  
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, V. Carter,  
C. Coleman, F. Gallegos, T. Meyer,  
J. Neville*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**July 1:** 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

**July 2:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**July 1st:** 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, I. Langhals,  
G. Langhals*

**July 2nd:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Dackin, D. Martin,  
E. Martin*

11:00 a.m. - *B. Bourke, K. Helmig,  
A. Schultz*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR JULY:**

*Joyce Cira, Carol Helmig, Linda Dodge*

**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! 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.



**90TH BIRTHDAY**  
**"OPEN HOUSE"**

**Who:** Sr. Elizabeth Marie Brell  
**What:** 90th Birthday Celebration  
**Where:** St. Gerard Parish Hall  
**When:** Sunday, July 16, 2017  
**Time:** 12:00 noon

All are invited to stop by the Parish Hall and wish ***Sr. Elizabeth Marie*** a "Happy 90th Birthday!" on Sunday, July 16th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. As many of you will recall, Sr. Elizabeth Marie was the former principal at St. Gerard School. Come and reminisce with her! Light refreshments will be provided.

**LCC CLASS OF 1962 REUNION:**

The LCC class of 1962 will have their reunion on August 18th and 19th at the K of C Hall. For more information, please call or email Tom Mulcahy at 419-236-8528 or email: [tmulcahyiii@aol.com](mailto:tmulcahyiii@aol.com); Mike Bosch at 419-236-5168 or email: [bosco2@woh.rr.com](mailto:bosco2@woh.rr.com). We would like to hear from you even if you don't want to come.

**ST. JOHN PILGRIMAGE:**

The 83rd annual Knights of St. John Pilgrimage will be held on June 25, 2017 this year. The Pilgrimage will begin in front of the St. John Church in Maria Stein at 1:00 p.m. and continue to the Maria Stein Relic Shrine of the Holy Relics. Following the Pilgrimage, you are invited to stay and enjoy the Maria Stein Countryfest activities.



**JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

**Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!**

Celebrating 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church and our lives - continue to lead us! Join inspirational, international speakers Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James "Butch" Murphy. October 6-7th, 2017 at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, Ohio. For more information, please visit: [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org), call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or please email: [mccrholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:mccrholyspirit@gmail.com)



**Summer Office Hours**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Please note that the parish office is open from Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Friday's.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

The school office will be open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. through the month of June.

**RETROUVAILLE:**

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about our July 21-23rd Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact our registration team: Joe and Arlene at 419-841-1116 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to the Sauders Heritage Inn and Campground Event on August 4-6, 2017. You can stay at the campground or in the Inn, or even just come up for the fun and games, buffet, and Mass in the grass on Saturday. Reservations for a campsite or hotel room can be made by calling Sauder's Heritage Inn at 1-800-590-9755. Be sure to mention that you are with WME group. The camping & room block ends July 3, 2017. Questions? Please contact Todd & Michelle Pester at 419-523-5893 or [estimatortodd@yahoo.com](mailto:estimatortodd@yahoo.com).



## **Have you moved, changed your phone number or email?**

*Please remember to let the parish  
office know if your contact  
information changes!*

*We do our best to keep all of our parish's  
census data current and accurate ... so it's  
important to hear from you when you move,  
change your phone number or set-up a new  
email address. Correct addresses are needed  
in order to provide year-end tax  
statements, etc. Thanks so much!*

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Please feel free to use the form below if you need to update your  
current information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Just drop this information in the collection basket and we will  
update your information. Thank you!