



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— It's probably no coincidence that Mother's Day would fall in the same month that the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May seems to be the appropriate time for both.

As we know, Mary is honored for conceiving and giving birth to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. She accepts God's calling to follow the divine plan of salvation and says "yes" to bearing the savior. Clearly, there is a biological sense of motherhood that is unique and undeniable to Mary. The words to the Hail Mary put it in a pretty down-to-earth way: "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

But Mary is also seen as "Mother of the Church". Here's where things get a little less biological and a little more spiritual. I suppose that after giving birth to Jesus and raising him from an infant to a young adult, Mary (and Joseph) could have said to their son, "Well, we've done our part. It's time now to let you go out on your own and fend for yourself." Further, they could have said to him, "Good luck on whatever your future plans might be. Be sure you stay in touch with us."

But this is not what we remember about Mary. She follows Jesus not simply as a devoted parent but as a faithful disciple. She hears him teach, sees his miracles, and accepts his message. She directs others to "listen to Him." In Mary, we find someone in whom God is born of flesh and blood, so that we can become born of water and spirit. In Mary, we find someone whose discipleship points others to new life in Christ. It is in this sense that Mary is remembered as Mother of the Church. She is the model for true spiritual motherhood: a living and inspirational faith in Christ.

As we honor our mothers on this Mother's Day weekend, let's remember that for committed Christians, "giving birth" is not only a matter of pregnancy and child-bearing, but a matter of revealing the living Christ in whose Spirit we live.

Fr. Mannebach



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

for parents planning the baptism of their first child will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. It is recommended that parents participate in a preparation program during pregnancy. Please contact the office to register. (The next program will be conducted in August.)

OUR JOURNEY was safe and we reached Grenada in peace. I cannot find words to express our appreciation and thanks for having us for those days. How they passed so quickly. Your kindness to all of us and to me in particular cannot be quantified. The experiences and conviviality from the members of Holy Redeemer are etched forever in our memories and we will always be grateful. You fed us such that we need a serious work out to lose the pounds gained within those day (sic). It was really a wonderful experience, thanks to all of you. May God richly bless you. You are all in our prayers. Be blessed. Fr. Julian

THANK YOU to all who attended the ladies Cinco de Mayo party this past Wednesday. It was a great evening and a huge success. Thanks, too, to Casey Dues for the entertainment and the following who helped with preparing the meal, making the decorations, getting the door prizes, setting up and cleaning up: Fr. Mannebach, Karen Balster, Rhonda Bergman, Linda Dwenger, Tasha Dwenger, Cathi Hall, Linda Holdren, Pam Kaiser, Janet McClurg, Kathy Pape, Pam Reinhart, Jenny Sailer, Janet Suchland and Amy Wilson. A special thank you to the Busy Bakers for the scrumptious desserts.

REV. JAMES TRICK, former pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish from 1984-1996, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 23 here at Holy Redeemer. An open house will be held in the parish hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please come and congratulate Fr. Trick on his many years of ministry.

VOCATION VIEWS – God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1-5)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH

MINISTRY:

Confirmation candidates are reminded to either e-mail or call Robin Goettemoeller to set up an interview time. Interviews with Deacon Greg or Father Mannebach will take 10 minutes. There are available interview times remaining on June 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. All Confirmation candidates need to turn in all required paperwork and go through the interview process before they are eligible for Confirmation. Contact Robin Goettemoeller at hryouth@nktelco.net or 419-629-2543 to schedule an interview.

Graduating seniors from Holy Redeemer will be featured on the bulletin board in the church entry the week of graduation. Graduates are asked to complete the following information and submit a senior picture to be included on the bulletin board: name, parents name, future plans – what college and major or future work plans. Please submit the information and picture to Robin Goettemoeller by Wednesday, May 19. Pictures can be dropped off in the parish office Monday-Friday 9-4 or put in an envelope and left in the mail slot on the door after church office hours.

Youth Group reminder: All youth in grades eight through twelve are invited to the next youth group meeting to be held at the Goettemoeller woods this Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Anyone needing directions should call Robin at the parish office 419-629-2543. Youth are reminded to bring along summer permission forms that were distributed last week. A picture for the parish directory will be taken at this meeting so all youth are asked to be present and on time.

Congratulations to Brianna Bertke, Morgan Fair, Katie Goettemoeller, Amy Knapke, and Alexis Schwartz who recently completed all requirements to earn the religious medal, "The Spirit Alive", through the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts. The girls met weekly through the spring to discuss and complete activities that focused on the Holy Spirit. They also had to complete service as part of the award requirements. They chose to organize and work at a bake sale earning several hundred dollars that they donated to a school in Haiti. Parishioner Janet O'Callaghan is currently doing relief work in Haiti and she personally delivered the girls' donation to the organizer of the school. A website featuring a video clip from the New York Times that explains the organizer and the school can be found at <http://video.nytimes.com/video/2010/03/06/world/americas/1247467192053/the-mother-figure-of-morne-lazarre.html>

GROUP PICTURES for the new parish directory will be taken on Sunday, May 16. Please arrive before the scheduled time so the group picture can be taken at the appointed time. The times for each group are:

Lectors	12:00 noon
RCIA	12:05 p.m.
Ushers	12:10 p.m.
Marriage Preparation	12:15 p.m.
Music Ministry	12:20 p.m.
Funeral Lunch Group	12:30 p.m.
Liturgy Coordinators	12:35 p.m.
Bereavement	12:40 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	12:45 p.m.
Arts & Design	12:50 p.m.
CCD Catechists	12:55 p.m.
Adult Faith Formation	1:00 p.m.
Communion to Hospital and Shut-ins	1:05 p.m.
Sacristans	1:10 p.m.
Property Committee and Property Repairs and Improvements	1:15 p.m.
Finance Committee	1:20 p.m.
Pastoral Council	1:25 p.m.
Education Commission	1:30 p.m.
Evangelization & Service Commission	1:35 p.m.
Worship & Spirituality Commission	1:40 p.m.
Baptism Preparation	1:45 p.m.
Mission Commission	1:50 p.m.
Collection Counters	1:55 p.m.
Adult Servers	2:00 p.m.
Weekend Mass Servers	2:15 p.m.
Weekday Mass Servers	2:20 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	2:25 p.m.
Prayer Circle	2:30 p.m.
Parish Directory Committee	2:35 p.m.

MUSICIANS of Holy Redeemer Parish will have pictures taken Sunday, May 16 for the parish directory. All members of the adult, brass, children's, handbell choirs, the ensemble, and cantors are asked to be at church at 12:00 noon that day. Pictures will be taken of each group and we should be finished no later than 12:30. If you cannot attend, please contact Nick Wilker in the parish office.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

May 2 - \$6,758.85	Attendance - 928
Adults - \$6,107.00	High School - \$7.00
Grade School - \$25.75	Anonymous - \$619.10

LUNCH...LAUGHTER...AND LEARNING will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. The day begins at 11:00 a.m. with blood pressure screening; lunch is served at 12 noon and a guest speaker followed by questions/answers will begin at 12:45 p.m. Donation is \$7 per person. Registrations can be made by calling the Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625 at least one day in advance. Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer from Holy Angels Church in Sidney, OH will present "The Blessed Mother, Where is She?" These events are jointly sponsored by the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Family Life Office, Deanery Center, Miami Valley Pastoral Counseling Center and Schwieterman's Pharmacy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

May 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

A. Elking – F. Frey – D. Kruse – L. Meyer – C. Opperman
D. Schwartz – B. Suchland – S. & C. Wissman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

P. & S. Kaiser – B. & C. Killian
L. & J. Kuenning – V. Schellhause

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

M. Broerman – J. & S. Elking – B. Feltz – A. Flaute
S. McCollum – N. Riethman – L. & R. Rutschilling

LECTORS:

May 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

G. Topp – S. Bertke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

A. Thieman – H. Krieg

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

J. Eshelman – R. Bertke

USHERS:

May 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

T. Stachler – M. Varno

COLLECTION COUNTERS – May 16

C. Hoelscher – N. Henderson – J. Pape

ACTIVITIES:

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- Adult and handbell choirs during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Mon. - Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room

Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Baptism Preparation Program 7:00 p.m. in conference room

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- Adult choir sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

- Baptism of Zachary Alan, son of Troy and Nancy (Kruse) Schwartz, 11:00 a.m.

- Group photo directory pictures, 12:00-2:30 p.m. in church

MASSES:

May 8 to 16

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Irene & Herbert Imwalle

Sun. 8:00 a.m. John Garman

10:00 a.m. Richard & Diane Naseman
40th Wedding Anniversary

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Mildred & Jerome Wentz

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Ken Jutte

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Rev. Ronald J. Averbeck

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Mike Heitkamp

Fri. 8:30 a.m. Janelle Schmitmeyer

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Lionel Krieg

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

10:00 a.m. Rev. James J. Corbley S.J.

SERVERS:

May 10 to 16

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

E. Balster – V. Wilson

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

J. Broerman – T. Homan

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

E. Champagne – D. Kremer – M. Thieman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

B. Staton – V. Wentz

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

C. Heitkamp – N. Homan – T. Overman

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

May 15 & 16

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Brad & Linda Holdren family

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Frank & Becky Homan family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Jim & Debra Homan family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

May 16

Molly Watcke

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, MAY 16

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53



Jesus said to his disciples: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” John 14:26-27a

