

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Monday, May 7

8:15 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Herrick (Parish)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Tuesday, May 8

8:15 a.m. George Keblesh (Anna Mantel)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Wednesday, May 9

8:15 a.m. Mary Despot (Donald & Zeny Hornacek)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Thursday, May 10

8:15 a.m. Sharlene Mollric
(Donald & Zeny Hornacek)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Friday, May 11

8:15 a.m. Robert Luxeder (Ben & Peggy Reihl)
9:00 a.m. James Kennedy (Maria Curk)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Saturday, May 12

8:15 a.m. Deceased of Smiroldo Family
(Spina & Smiroldo Family)
1:30 p.m. Wedding: Zachary Thomas Babcock &
Lisa Marie Darrow
5:00 p.m. Fred & Dorothy Bernat (Family)

May 13, 2018

The Ascension of The Lord

7:30 am, 9:00 am - Pro Populo, 11:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Such a beautiful morning of grace will be upon us this coming Saturday (12th), as our second graders are finally able to receive their First Holy Communion.



After so much preparation by their family and parish, these beautiful children of God and lover of Jesus will joyfully receive His Most Precious Body and Blood/Soul and Divinity. Pray that their families may always help them to hunger to receive Him and be committed to going to Mass every weekend!



This week as Fr. Bearer returns from his 8-Day retreat, I will be away for my part four of nine sessions of continuing education

at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. The classes are designed to help me grow in my understanding to help with spiritual direction via The Institute of Priestly Formation. I ask for your prayers as I continue to open my heart to know The Father's heart. If you want to better understand what I am learning, check out either of these out:

www.priestlyformation.org

www.discerninghearts.com.

Mark your calendars for the next weekends of May:

+Mother's Day is May 13th. St. John Paul II said: "From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God." Even if you don't have my Mom for your own, offer a Rosary for the sanctity of motherhood. Also, remember flowers will be sold after all the Masses to help support Right To Life (thank you Marie McNeill for your inspirational love for the unborn).

+Get your Red Out! The weekend of May 19/20 is Pentecost. Remember to show your love of being sealed in the gifts of The Holy Spirit by wearing something red when you come to Mass. During Saturday the 19th of May at the Vigil Mass Deacon Butz and I will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary of ordination. Pray we may always serve with joy!

+May 27th at the 11:00 a.m. we will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary Jubilee Mass. Hopefully we will be able to toll the St. George bell in our New bell tower. Pax, Fr. Bline



*Here's What's Happening
Around the Parish This Week...*

Monday, May 7

- Directory Photos, 2:00-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.
- PSR, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Respect Life Meeting, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (VHM)

Tuesday, May 8

- Women's Study Group, 9:15 a.m. (VHM)
- Directory Photos, 2:00-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

- Directory Photos, 2:00-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Falcon Family Network Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (VHM)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.
(Yes – Wednesday evening, too!)
- Choir Practice, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Thursday, May 10

- Directory Photos, 2:00-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Scripture Study, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11

- Directory Photos, 2:00-8:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Youth Choir Practice, 4:30-5:30 pm (Mobile Music Rm.)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

- Men's Scripture Study, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (VHM)
- Directory Photos, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Upper Room)
- First Holy Communion, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 13

- Cub Scouts, 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Refectory)
- Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

COLLECTION INFORMATION

The collection for last weekend was \$15,879.00.
Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



**DISCIPLESHIP AND OUR
CALL TO HOLINESS**

Yep, you read it right.

Join us as we talk about how and why we are
called to be holy disciples, too!
We will welcome guest speaker,
Nate Burke, as well!

Sunday, May 6
7-9pm
Upper Room

We will end our evening with Compline.
All are welcome to join us at 9pm in Church

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

- 5/20: Steubenville parent meeting - Upper Room
3-4pm
- 6/10: Putt Putt & Ice Cream - meet in the Upper
Room 6pm
- 6/22: Steubenville Youth Conference!!

questions? contact Shirley Clark
330-439-4502/sclark.sfds@gmail.com



Please remember in your prayers the souls of
Alberta Stefanik, mother of Paula Stallard, and
Sharon Richardson, daughter of Betty Richardson.
May perpetual light shine upon them.

WEDDING BANNS

III Zachary Thomas Babcock & Lisa Marie Darrow



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The parish can always use more volunteers to
receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've
received it before, you may receive it again.
There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always
needed and appreciated! Please call the parish
office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to
the list.

Cathy Feltrup received the Vocation
Crucifix this weekend.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry for our cluster parishes will meet Tuesday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church. We will be celebrating our 9th anniversary as a ministry with a special prayer service. Anyone who has ever been a part of this ministry and anyone looking to find out more is invited to come join us for this special day. Please remember to bring your completed shawls for blessing, your current shawl to work on, and any left over yarn to share with others as we celebrate God's love and blessings. New members are always welcome! Call Ginny at 330-644-4132 or Barb at 330-699-4769 with any questions.



It's our turn to work the Hunger Center (beneath St. Bernard Church) and we will be partnering with Our Lady of Victory and Friends on Wednesday, May 16th. Please arrive by 4:00 and we will be finished by 7:00. Questions? Give Denise Howell a call at 330-472-2273.



HELPERS NEEDED AT THE OZANAM CENTER

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish is in need of helpers at the Ozanam Center on Saturday, May 12, 2018. We will team up with St. Victor Parish. Please come if you can – we'll meet at 9:00 at the center, located behind Visitation of Mary Parish, at 93 Kent Street, Akron 44305.



The annual Right To Life Flowers For Life sale will be held next week on Mother's Day weekend after all of the Masses. Carnations will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and bouquets will be \$10. Please say "Thank you for the gift of life!" to wives, moms, grandmas, godmothers and loving friends with beautiful flowers and support Right To Life of Northeast Ohio's continuing efforts to promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.



Tiny Saints continue to be on sale in the parish office and after all Masses this weekend for \$5. This special edition tag of St. Francis de Sales includes a commemorative prayer card and can be used on your key chain, backpack, gym bag, or attached to your jacket. Get one to commemorate our 70th Anniversary as a parish!



The next **Respect Life** meeting is Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitation of Holy Mary Room inside the school. All too often we tell ourselves that we are on the side of good, but do we do anything about it? Do you ever talk about it or do anything about it? We need to talk the talk and walk the walk. Join us to know what is going on in our community, to make it known through our words and deeds to back up what we believe.

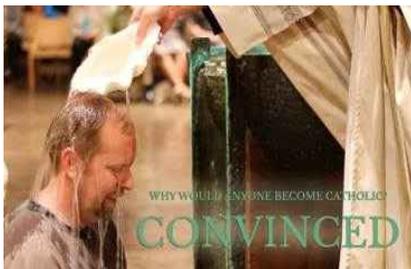
“Bloom Where You Are Planted”



St Francis de Sales Parish 70th Anniversary Jubilee

During his time as Provost of Geneva, Francis de Sales faced many challenges in his effort to bring the largely Calvinist population back to the Roman Catholic Church. He tirelessly wrote and distributed pamphlets about the truths of Catholicism. Slowly but surely, the Protestants began to come listen to St Francis preach. Of course, news of this did not sit well with the Calvinist ministers of the area. So outraged they became, they went so far as to hire thugs to assassinate de Sales. On one such attempt on his life, Francis was traveling with his servant to two other Catholics when his would-be killers launched a surprise attack. His followers, wanting to protect the saint, drew their swords to defend him. But in his grace, St. Francis, imitating his Divine Master said to them: “Put up your swords; I alone will go to these men who desire to take my life.” He walked towards the attackers, looking them in the eye with a soft smile, and speaking to them with the gentleness for which he is so known. His calm manner and kindness so moved these rough men that they fell to his feet and begged his pardon! When later asked to always travel with an escort of soldiers in the future, St. Francis refused. “St Paul and the Apostles,” he said, “did not employ soldiers to protect them. They used only the sword of the Divine Word against enemies far more formidable. With this weapon they overcame the demon and successfully combated the power of the Roman Emperors. They triumphed over the vanity of philosophers and the pride of the world, and established the religion of Jesus Christ on the ruins of paganism. I wish to follow their example. Confidence in God is worth more than a legion of soldiers, and if our dear Lord gives me the grace to shed my blood in his service, [I assure you] it would be a glorious end, but one I am all unworthy of.”

Around our world, many Catholics and other Christian religious are persecuted for their beliefs, and like St. Francis, bravely trust in God to protect them and embrace them if they should die in His service. Please take time this week to pray for all Christians who suffer in their faith, that their courage in Jesus will soften the hearts of their oppressors and open their eyes to the true Catholic church.



From: FORMED.ORG “CONVINCED”

What would it take for an atheist to come to believe that there is a God, Jesus is God and that the Catholic Church is the Church that Christ founded? What might be his or her radical steps to conversion? Watch and find out!

“Convinced” a video from the library of “FORMED” is an interview of 22 individuals who offer their conversion stories. I found this video a common rational and reasoned conquest of doubt and stereotyped views of the Catholic Church. It offers clear examples of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen’s quote, “There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” Consider that these misconceptions may exist because of our own indifference.

The common threads of logic and reason, which bring about the conversion of this cast of 22, including Abbey Johnson, Scott Hahn, Patrick Madrid, Patrick Coffin, Mark Shaw, Taylor Marshall, Jeff Cavins and Francis Beckwith, is captivating. These are intelligent people with an incredible story to tell. **Convinced** would make an interesting icebreaker for what might seem to be a difficult subject. Watch it yourself or with family, friends or young adults. A discussion afterward might be a lot easier than you think. Open your bible and look up 1 Peter 3:15 first.

~ *A fellow parishioner*

Simply access by registering at FORMED.org. The Parish Code is WY494W. Its FREE!
Go to: Watch, Documentaries, Men and Women of Faith

St. Francis de Sales Parish



70th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY!

"Bloom where you are planted"

Our new directory sincerely will not be the same without you!!

Please sign up now to have your photo taken!!

All photos will be taken in the Upper Room at St. Francis de Sales

By Universal Church Directories

You can sign up online

(website closed on weekends for Mass sign-ups)

GO TO: WWW.UCDIR.COM CODE: oh2111 PASSWORD: sfd

Click "schedule your photography session" on the right side & follow the prompts.

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You can sign up after a variety of

Masses in the church narthex on the weekends

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION DATES:

May 7th – May 12th and
June 4th, 5th, 8th & 9th, 2018.

Weekdays 2 pm – 8:30 pm & Saturdays 10:30 am – 4 pm

**Every family that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait,
and a free 70th Anniversary Directory!!**

Please feel free to bring a beloved pet if you'd like to have them in the photo with you.



Questions? Please ask:

Susie Naragon 330-329-1937 ms4e@aol.com, Michele Steurer 330-618-5545 shellbell601@gmail.com

Joy Kopcha 765-760-9517 joy.kopcha@gmail.com, or Terri Bachtel

An Evangelization Workshop
Sowing Seeds of Faith:
Learning to Share our Faith Stories

Saturday, June 9th, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mass at 8:15 - Optional

Doors open for check-in at 8:50

St. Francis de Sales Parish

4019 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44319



Speakers

Father Jacob Bearer,
Parochial Vicar, St. Francis de Sales

Terrie Baldwin,
Director of Evangelization,
Diocese of Cleveland

Mike Powers,
Saint Paul Street Evangelization,
Akron Chapter Coordinator

Talk Titles

*The Power of Testimony

*Faith-filled Encounters
Tree of encounter (a Road Map)

*Turning Points
Writing our Turning Points

*Story Telling in Small Groups

*Be My Witnesses

*Sealed in Power, Sent in Mercy

Registration Deadline: June 2, 2018

Cost: \$20 (muffins at 9 and lunch around noon included)

Questions: Call Joanne at 330-338-4810 or

The St. Francis de Sales Parish Office at 330-644-2225.

Registration Form for **“Sowing Seeds of Faith”**

Name (Please Print)

Email address (please print clearly)

Phone

Parish

City of Parish

Mail form and check for \$20 to St. Francis de Sales Parish with “Seeds of Faith” on memo line to: Ruthie Kelbly, 7335 Black Diamond Rd., Marshallville, OH 44645 or St. Francis parishioners may place this in an envelope labeled “Seeds of Faith” and take it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Raffle tickets for the K of C Annual Charity Fundraiser are available in the St. Francis Parish Office until tomorrow, Monday, May 7th. Tickets are \$5 each with a **first prize** this year of \$49,680. A total of 25 prizes will be awarded at the drawing to be held on May 19. Please stop by and support the Knights!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The quad-county Knights of Columbus invite you to show your appreciation and support for the clergy and religious at our local parishes at the annual Priest and Religious Appreciation Dinner. The details are as follows:

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:00 p.m. cocktails (cash bar); 7:00 p.m. dinner

Knights of Columbus #3410

2055 Glenmount Ave.

Akron OH 44319

Tickets are \$25 and reservations must be received by Monday, May 14. Please call the K of C at 330-773-3410 to reserve your spot.

THEOLOGY ON TAP AKRON

Theology on Tap Akron will be at Barley House Akron on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to Fr. Marty Miller, Catholic priest of Opus Dei, speak on "Mary: A Sure Guide for Pilgrims." Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron! The Barley House is located at 222 South Main Street, Akron 44308.

1260 THE ROCK

Travel back in time and discover pearls of ancient wisdom in Catholic history with AM 1260 The Rock's new program "Time Travel: At the Speed of Christ's Light." Join author James Hogan and host Dick Russ and realize that Catholic history is not boring – it's fascinating! Beginning in May, tune in every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at AM 1260 The Rock or online at www.am1260therock.com.

MAY CROWNING

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ will hold their 2nd annual May Crowning with Rosary *today*, Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to join their Holy Name Society for a communal rosary, songs to honor the Mother of God, and share a Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a reception. Their church is located at 2425 Myersville Road, Akron OH 44312. Additional information may be obtained by calling 330-699-5086 or www.nativityofthelord.org.

**DIVORCED SEPARATED AND WIDOWED
CATHOLICS OF AKRON**

The DSW Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a talk given by Father Norm Douglas, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Akron. His topic is "Living with Great Vitality and Resilience from the Inside Out." This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls on Monday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments will be at 7:15 and the speaker begins at 7:30. For more information, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

SUMMER CAMPS

HOBAN: Keep fit and stimulate your mind this summer by attending an academic or athletic camp at Archbishop Hoban High School! Students from kindergarten through 12th grade can choose from a variety of exciting options, from superhero graphic design, archeology, wizard camp, and sports performance and numerous team sports. To register online, visit www.hoban.org or contact camp coordinator Dave Arbogast at 330-773-6658 ext. 265.

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY: Be your best, Be Irish this summer; spend your summer at STVM! At Camp Irish 2018, we offer school-age students a chance to develop through a variety of enrichment experiences. We provide opportunities for growth, both academically and athletically, in a safe and exciting atmosphere. There are lots of camp options: Art, Band, Drama, Photography, Study Skills, ACT Prep, Baseball, Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Volleyball, Cheer, Gymnastics, Basketball. Call 330-253-9113 ext. 112 or visit www.stvm.com/summercamps for more information.

TOUR OF ALPINE EUROPE

Including The Passion Play of Oberammergau. September 21-October 1, 2020, 11 days. Hosted by Father Kevin Elbert, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Lakewood, Ohio. Visit Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich, Rothenberg and Frankfurt. For a full brochure with details, contact:

Father Kevin P. Elbert

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

1212 Bunts Rd.

Lakewood OH 44107

216-521-0184 or frkevin@stlukelakewood.org

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT

June 4-8, 2018. EWTN (Mother Angelica) and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham AL and the Shrine of The Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. Double occupancy only - \$595 per person and includes transportation, lodging and all meals in Alabama. For further information, call Rose Mercurio at 234-571-4478.



As part of our 70th Anniversary Celebration, former Parochial Vicars/Associates have been invited to celebrate Mass with us. Next weekend at the 5:00 Vigil Mass, May 12, Father Bill Browne, Parochial Vicar from St. Augustine Parish in Barberton will be with us. Father Browne is one of our St. Francis de Sales vocations and was ordained on May 15, 2004. He has served at several parishes throughout the Diocese, including St. Mary in Painesville, St. Columbkille in Parma, Holy Family in Parma, as well as serving as the Chaplain at the North East Reintegration Center. Welcome back, Father Browne!