

# Solemnity

## of the Assumption of Mary

August 15, 2010

The Gospel's first preacher:

The image we have of Mary is usually that of one of her statues or paintings, the flawless representations of her in the Christmas manger, the exquisite vision seen at Fatima and Lourdes, the otherworldly iconography of her holding the Child-God-King.

She is beautiful and holy - and remote.

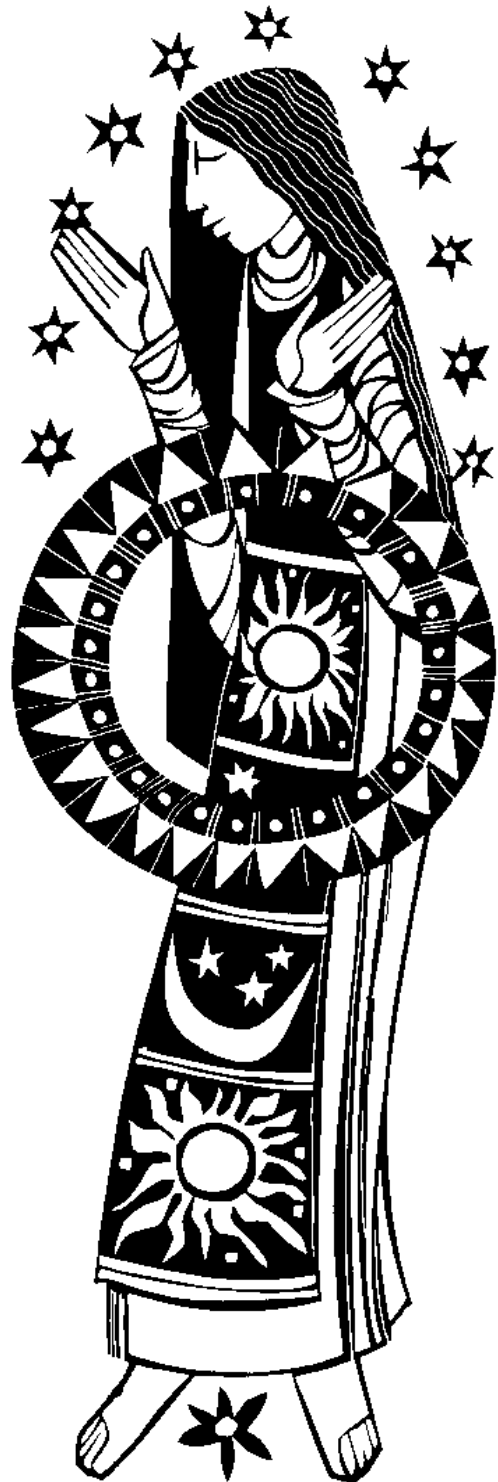
But for Luke, Mary is a real woman who pays a heavy price for her "yes" to God: the tension with her husband; a dangerous trip to Bethlehem; the pain of giving birth alone, in a cave; the desperate escape to Egypt; the helplessness of watching her innocent son's death. Mary is not the quiet, diffident bystander she seems to be - she is a real woman who knows all the joys and struggles of parenthood, poverty and life at its messiest.

In today's Gospel for the Solemnity of the Assumption, Luke portrays Mary in a role we would never imagine for her. For Luke, Mary is the first preacher of the Gospel. The words she says to Elizabeth - the canticle we know as the Magnificat - is the first proclamation of the Gospel. Mary understands and declares what God will do in Jesus Christ. She knows that in the promise she has received from God, history is about to be turned upside down. Furthermore, she knows that she is, herself, the first instance of that upside-down history. She is the lowly one whom God has lifted up, she is the loving daughter on whom God has looked with favor.

Mary embodies the good news she proclaims - the Gospel of forgiveness, compassion and humble service to others, justice and, ultimately, resurrection.

(Inspired by essays by Rev. Raymond E. Brown and Dr. David L. Bartlett.)

*Mary's Magnificat is anything but the pious ode of a plastic saint; it is a prophetic, cutting-edge declaration of faithful conviction in the living, creative presence of God. Today's Solemnity of the Assumption is Mary's Easter - the fulfillment of that son's promise of the Christ in her life. May we make Mary's song our song - her song of gratitude to God for his loving promise, her song of mercy and forgiveness, her song of humility and compassion - as we struggle to realize its promise in our own lives.*



## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

### **Monday, August 16 - Weekday**

5:15 PM Betty Hoban

### **Tuesday, August 17 - Weekday**

8:00 AM George Allen, Sr.

### **Wednesday, August 18 - Weekday**

5:15 PM William H. Nortz

### **Thursday, August 19 - Weekday**

8:00 AM Wilma Schmitterer

### **Friday, August 20 - St. Bernard**

5:15 PM Dorothy Linz

### **Saturday, August 21 - St. Pius X, pope**

8:00 AM Ted Czarnecki

4:00 PM Rocco Ramagli

### **Sun. Aug 22-Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Angela Castanzo

## **40 Days For Life**

This Fall, cities from across the country will unite in 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end of abortion. Since 2006, over 2,990 babies have been saved by the peaceful and prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. Individuals and groups are invited to commit to sincere praying and fasting and to take part in peaceful public vigil at area abortion clinics during these 40 days. Vigil sites in Bedford, Rocky River, Cleveland and Painesville are in need of vigil volunteers from the hours of 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Campanelli at (216) 533-6106 to sign up. Visit us online for more information [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). With God all things are possible. Mark your calendars. See you this Fall!

## **Divorce Recovery for Catholics**

St. Christopher Church in Rocky River is sponsoring a 10-week series of support group meetings beginning September 13th and ending November 15th designed to assist Catholics who are recently separated or divorced. Divorce is never easy and leaves individuals feeling alone, hurt and confused. Sessions are designed to provide a caring, confidential atmosphere to share with others who understand your experience and help you find support and encouragement. Preregistration is necessary. To obtain a registration form and brochure, call Gayle Cilimburg, Pastoral Associate at St. Christopher, at 440-331-4255.

*When we have done our best,  
we may wait the result without anxiety.*

## **Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrew 12:5-7, 11-13;  
Luke 13:22-30

## **Wedding Banns**

I Julius Fulton & Carolyn Mandley

## **New Light Switch for Hall**

This past week the light switches for the hall were moved from the back room under the steps to the main pillar as you enter the hall, for your convenience and safety!



for being a part of our "Hot Dog" Sunday. We served over 150 people and enjoyed conversation with our parish families. A special "Thanks" to Mary Grauel and her committee who set up, cooked, provided food and cleaned up for us. Our next event will be the Parish Picnic. Remember to save the date!

## **One Day Pre-Cana Program**

St. Rita Parish will be holding a Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, October 16, 2010. This is a one-day marriage preparation program. Attendance at this program satisfies diocesan requirements. Prior registration is required. Cost is \$65 per couple. For information and registration, please telephone Bill or Sheila Rady at 330-425-1829, or email them at [smrady@windstream.net](mailto:smrady@windstream.net). Call early to guarantee a place.

## **Traveling this Summer?**

Find a Mass anywhere in the world, anytime!  
Go to: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## St. Clement Parish Picnic



This is just a reminder to save the date for the annual St. Clement Parish Family Picnic. It will be Sunday, September 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Lakewood Park Women's Pavilion. That means we will be there rain or shine! More info will come in a couple of weeks so watch the bulletin for more details. We are asking for any new items you may want to donate to our picnic raffle. The raffle helps us to offset the cost of the picnic and the rental of the park so that everyone can attend the picnic free of charge. This might be your opportunity to regift those gifts you have been storing in your closet. We are looking for new items only. Please bring them to the rectory before September 10th so that we can list them as a prize. If you have any questions or need to have the items picked up, please call Jackie Ronan at 226-4062.

## Respect Life

The Saint Ignatius High School Circus Company and committed Respect-Life supporters will join hands to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of her Nativity. The St. Clement Respect Life Committee invites families of all sizes and ages to the fifteenth annual birthday celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be an evening of prayer, refreshments and entertainment for all ages. Join them on Wednesday, September 8th, at St. Clement Church. The event is free and all are welcome. Go to [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife) for more details, or call (216) 226-6663.

## Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

## Have You Seen Our Website?

Log on at [www.saint-clement.net](http://www.saint-clement.net) and see all the exciting things that are happening in our parish.

## Celebrate Oktoberfest with a Night at the Races



Mark your calendars and come celebrate Oktoberfest with a Night at the Races on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at St. Clement. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and races will start at 8:00 pm. Single tickets are \$20 and couple tickets are \$35. Tickets include food, nonalcoholic beverages, 2 beer or wine tickets and a \$2 side board ticket. Tickets will be on sale starting September 15th and will be sold at the Parish Picnic. We are looking for horse owners, race sponsors and advertisers. Volunteers are also needed. See the parish website for more information, or contact Carm Kelly at (216) 221-7257.

## Lakewood Catholic Academy News

### *Sixth Annual "Run for Excellence" is Approaching!*

For the sixth consecutive year, Lakewood Catholic Academy will launch its school year with a "Run for Excellence." The 5K Race and Michalko Mile Fun Run are set for Sunday, August 29th, starting on the LCA campus. Both races are open to runners of all ages. Registration information is available on the following link: [www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/lakewoodcatholicacademy.asp](http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/lakewoodcatholicacademy.asp). Discounted group registration is available for "teams" or "families" when they register by mail. We are also offering a "Family Sponsor" opportunity. Families can contribute \$50 and their family name will be listed on the back of the race shirts along with our corporate sponsors. These family sponsorships needed to be received at school by August 10th to be included on the shirts. Please forward checks payable to "Lakewood Catholic Academy" in an envelope marked "Run for Excellence" to the school at 14808 Lake Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107. See you Sunday, August 29th!

### *First Annual LCA GOLF OPEN is September 25th!*

The great golfer, Ben Hogan, once noted that "As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." In that spirit, LCA Athletic Boosters organization proudly announces the 1st Annual LCA Golf Open scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon. The tourney is seeking both players and sponsors. The event will include lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with cart in a four-person scramble format, prizes, and more! For a brochure and registration form, along with more information, visit: [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/2010golfouting.pdf](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/2010golfouting.pdf). Not a golfer? Dinner-only tickets are available too! All proceeds will benefit Lakewood Catholic Academy's CYO sports program.

## **Finance Corner:**

Collection for weekend of August 8 - \$ 6,740.96

India Mission - \$2,313.87

Envelopes used - 214

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

## **India Mission Collection**

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Clement's, the collection for the India Mission in Nellore, India, was \$2,313.87. Thank you on behalf of Fr. Desam Bala Raju for your support for the mission work in Nellore.

## **Catholicism 101**

Many of us Catholics remember going to our Catechism classes but, however, over the years we have "forgotten" some of those basic expressions of our faith. It may have been 10, 20, or even 50 years since we have attended a Catechism class. This fall, Fr. Workman is offering a four-part series to help us renew our understanding of the Church, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments and the Mass. This is not a deep theological series, but rather an opportunity to renew and strengthen our basic experiences of faith. Please join Father on September 14th, 21st, 28th and October 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm in the church. Cost is \$5 for materials. Please call the rectory at (216) 226-5116 by September 10th to register. This may be also a great opportunity for those of you who are not Catholic to learn about the Church so that you feel more comfortable as you gather with us for prayer.

## **Pot of Gold Winners**

(\$25) Barbara Nortz, Carm Kelly,  
Ron Evans, Karen Andrejczak,  
Mark Prudhoe, Andrew Miller



## **Volunteers Needed!**

Lakewood Meals on Wheels at Lakewood United Methodist Church is in desperate need of drivers and/or hoppers for its charitable delivery of food to the homebound, Monday through Friday, starting at 10:30 am. Most routes take less than an hour. To volunteer, or for more information, please call 226-8644, ext. 28.

## **Retired?**

Do you feel a call to help others? Are you looking for a way to develop a closer relationship with Christ? Become an Ignatian volunteer! Please visit our website at [www.ivc.org](http://www.ivc.org), or (216) 574-6300.

## **Faith and Values Annual Appeal**

Faith and Values Appeal supports Catholic school students. Many parents choose Catholic schools to educate their children in both faith and academics, finding exemplary results. In fact, over 50,000 students attend Catholic schools in our diocese. Cleveland has the 5th largest Catholic system of schools in the country in a diocese ranked the 19th largest in the United States. In the 2009-2010 school year, a total of 13,000 applications for tuition assistance were received, an increase of 2,000 applications over the previous year. The students of Lakewood Catholic Academy received \$29,500.00 for tuition assistance from our diocese. A special parish appeal for the Faith and Values Appeal for Education will be held next weekend to provide tuition support for needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. To donate online go to: [donate.cdcf.org](http://donate.cdcf.org).

## **Fr. John J. Cregan Retirement**

Join Fr. John J. Cregan and his family, parishioners and friends at his final Liturgy as Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Angels Church. A reception will immediately follow the Mass in Linus Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend. With heartfelt gratitude we wish Fr. Cregan all the best in his retirement.

## **Department of Human Services - Division of Aging**

It seems hard to believe, but summer is winding down. Before the wind starts to blow and the snow starts to fly, let's have one last summertime hurrah! Plan on attending the Hot Dog Cookout on Thursday, August 19th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Woman's Pavilion in Lakewood Park. Stroll along the park's beautiful paved walkways, play some fun lawn games, or just visit with friends over some delicious pastries. For lunch, it's grilled hot dogs with all the usual sides. We will round out our day with card bingo. Cost is \$4. Call (216) 529-5005 for more information.