

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 2010

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." John 13: 31-35

Our identity as disciples of Christ is centered in the compassion we extend to others - in our willingness to be a place of refuge, a source of peace for others. Our faithfulness in imitating the love of the Risen Jesus is not in having the right answers or in our dogmatic judgments but in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely, unconditionally, as God has loved us in Christ.

The faith of our baptism is not a robe we take on and off on Sundays; it is not a slate of adhered-to dogmas and rules. Our faith is a living entity, an approach to living that is centered in the love of God. Our identity as a Church, as disciples of the Risen Christ, is not in a building we frequent an hour or so each week or in the words of prayers we have recited since childhood; our identity as faithful Christians is centered in the joy and optimism of our love for others as God's children and our brothers and sisters - the same love that unites the Father and the Son and each of us to one another.



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; John 14: 6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14: 19-28; John 14: 27- 31
Wednesday: Acts 15: 1-6; John 15: 1-8
Thursday: Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11
Friday: Acts 15: 22-31; John 15: 12-17
Saturday: Acts 16: 1-10; John 15: 18-21
Sunday: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29;
Rv 21: 10-14; 22-23; John 14: 23-29

What's Happening this Week in the Parish

Monday, May 3: Family PSR - 7:00 PM - Hall
Tuesday, May 4:
Wednesday, May 5:
Thursday, May 6: Scripture Treats
10:45 AM - Rectory
Friday, April 30: AA Gratitude Group
7 PM - Hall

Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9AM and 11AM Sunday Masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 3 - St. Philip and St. James, apostles
5:15 PM Betty Hoban
Tuesday, May 4 - Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Kenneth Kessler
Wednesday, May 5 - Easter Weekday
5:15 PM Victor Melaragno
Thursday, May 6 - Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Marge Sonnendecker
Friday, May 7 - Easter Weekday
5:15 PM All Souls
Saturday, May 8 - Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mary Trayte
4:00 PM John & Anna McGinness
Sunday, May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Beverly O'Toole
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Toni VandeKerkhoff; Irene Prusak,
Pat Hesland, Frank M. Stasko,
(\$100) Carole Leaman



Baptism Classes

Father Workman will be offering Baptism classes on Sunday, May 16th at 1 PM and, also, on Sunday, October 3rd at 1 PM. The classes will be held in the church. Please call the rectory office at 226-5116 to register.

Baby Shower

The St. Clement Respect Life group is holding a baby shower. We are asking you to bring unwrapped new and/or gently used items on Mother's Day weekend and place them in containers provided at the entrances. Your gifts will be given to the Lakewood Birthright to help new and expectant mothers and their babies. The items most needed are newborn to 18 mos. Clothing (onesies, sleepers, socks, outfits, sweaters, coats, etc.), blankets, towels/washcloths, diapers, baby toiletries, and maternity clothes. If you will not be attending Mass at St. Clement on Mother's Day, feel free to drop your gift at the rectory any time during office hours. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Come Pray Together

Deacon Danny Bryan will lead a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the Church of St. James on Thursday, May 13th for one night, and reconvene on Saturday, May 15th for the remainder of the Novena. Each evening will begin with praying the rosary followed by a discussion on one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and what these mean in our life today. All are welcome.

Grand Catholic Italy Tour

Join Rev. Donald Oleksiak and the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union for a tour in Italy September 27th to October 7th, 2010. Discover Italy from Rome to Venice. Experience a first class, fully escorted vacation. Visit many beloved holy shrines, deepen your faith, and explore Italy for eleven days. Check our website (www.ohiocatholicfcu.com) or call Carol Hradek at (216) 663-6800 ext. 246 for more information on the dates and location of the informational meetings and/or trip information. Limited seating available. Deadline to register is May 15th.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of April 25 - \$ 6,016.92

Envelopes used - 214

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

Newman Campus Ministry Collection

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. In years past, this was referred to as the Newman Campus Ministry Collection. While Newman Campus Ministry is a division of the Office of Catechetical Services, and does receive some funding from this collection, the office also supports many other ministries focused on religious education and faith formation for people of all ages in the parishes of our diocese. These include adult faith formation, media literacy, catechetical leader training and catechist certification for all teachers of religion, among other things. This year the collection will be held on the weekend of May 8th and 9th. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation and religious education of every person of every age in the Diocese of Cleveland. Please consider giving to this very special collection.

Senior Clementines & Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, May 13th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in St. Clement Church Hall. Dr. David Wendt, a physician in Family Practice with the Lakewood Medical Associates, will discuss "Seasonal Affective Disease Disorder (SAD)". There will also be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. If this will be your first meeting, call Jeanne Lombardo (216) 226-5878.

Volunteers Needed!

Birthright, a pro-life pregnancy service, is in urgent need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering at the Birthright Office located at 14701 Detroit Avenue. Volunteer hours are 10 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM. For additional information and to arrange for your training, please call the Birthright Office at (216) 228-5998.

Mass Intentions

There are still some available dates in the 2010 Mass Intention Book. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116 Monday thru Friday.

*It's not by doing the things we like but by
liking the things we do that we can discover
life's blessings – Goethe*