



I hope that many of you have noticed our new Ambry, which is explained below, in the sanctuary. The Ambry was blessed at our Holy Thursday Mass. It was donated by a couple from our parish and constructed by Frank Muhl. I am sure we are all very grateful to these people for their kindness and generosity. May God bless them for their kindness to our community.

The word ambry is derived from the Latin armarium (cupboard or chest) and signifies the place where the vessels of oil used in celebrating sacraments are kept. These oils are blessed by the bishop at the Mass of Chrism celebrated during Holy Week and are brought to each parish church for the various rites of anointing. The three oils signify the universal charisms of the church for initiating (oil of catechumens), healing (oil of the sick) and consecrating (chrism).



As early as the sixth century, ambries were used to hold consecrated communion bread as well as the oils, and were often located in the base of the altar. By the thirteenth century, separate locked ambries were used for the Eucharist only. This was an accepted practice by the sixteenth century, when this separate container was called a tabernacle. In the meantime, smaller amounts of the oils were stored in the sacristy, or in a simple wall niche or recessed cupboard known as an ambry.

As with all other vessels used in the liturgy today, the vessels for the oils should be of a quality and design that speak of the importance of the ritual actions. The vessels should hold an ample supply of the oils, thus symbolizing the generosity of God's gift. The gestures of anointing can then be performed with similar generosity of touch. The display of beautiful vessels reminds the community of the reverence it gives to its members as they are welcomed in baptism, confirmed in the spirit, and anointed in their illness. To be anointed is to participate in an ancient biblical and ecclesial rite of blessing, and to enter into the mission of Jesus Christ, the anointed one of God.

I think our new ambry looks very beautiful in our sanctuary and I hope that its presence will help all of us to reflect more deeply on the strength and holiness that these holy oils can bring into our lives and into the life of our parish community.

Last weekend was our Freshman/Sophomore Retreat at Camp Christopher. It was a very special time for the freshman and sophomores as well as for the juniors and seniors who conducted the retreat. We had about one hundred high school students in all on the weekend. I find this to be very impressive that so many of our young people are interested in deepening their faith as Catholics. I am very happy and proud that our juniors and seniors are so very willing to share their faith with others. I hope that they will continue to do this in their lives whenever the opportunity arises. We must teach our children never to be afraid to openly witness to their Catholic faith.

I am very grateful to the adult advisors for the retreat: Cathy Anderson, Nancy and Bill Adams, Nan Leahy, Shannon Schrock, Mary Busson, Kathy Cooper, and all the parents who helped to make this retreat such a prayerful experience for all our young people. I am also grateful to Vince Greczanik, Sue Fajt, and Josh Watson for the beautiful music during the closing Mass. May God bless all of you for your kindness and generosity.

**TRIP TO SLOVAKIA.** Anyone interested in visiting the beautiful country of Slovakia? I will be leading a tour to Slovakia that will also include the cities of Prague and Vienna. We will leave on September 5 and return on September 17. The cost will be approximately \$2500.00 per person which includes all transportation, accommodations, and two meals a day. I will be getting some brochures from the travel agent soon. So, if you are interested, please give me a call. There are a limited number of places on the tour.



ALLELUIA  
 **Mass Intentions**



III PAUL LEE, Sacred Heart  
 & REBECCA SCHLAYER

- Saturday, April 24, St. Fidelis**  
 5:00 p.m. .... Janelle Hone [Mom & Dad]
- Sunday, April 25, Third Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Katherine Werner [Family & Friends]  
 9:30 a.m. .... Allan Robert Fisher [Helen Fisher]  
 11:30 a.m. .... For Our Parish
- Monday, April 26, Our Lady of Good Council**  
 8:00 a.m. .... In Thanksgiving [Lloyd Yoder Family]
- Tuesday, April 27**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Jerry Crowley [Family]
- Wednesday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel & .....  
 ..... St. Louis Mary De Montfort**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service  
 5:30 p.m. .... Peter Ferroni [Family]
- Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service  
 9:30 a.m. .... Intentions of Gemma Everson [Rodrigo Family]
- Friday, April 30, St. Pius V & Bl. Marie of the Incarnation**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Frances Kulesar [Thom & Jeanne Chesko]
- Saturday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday**  
 8:00 a.m. .... Intentions of Fr. Joe [Mlazovsky Family]  
 5:00 p.m. .... Deceased of Patti Family [Sam & Alvera Patti]
- Sunday, May 2, World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
 8:00 a.m. .... For Our Parish  
 9:30 a.m. .... Charles Davey [Hlavaty Family]  
 11:30 a.m. .... Dick Dunham [Tom & Trudy Porter]

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- APRIL 18**  
 [\$5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory .....	\$12,239.50
Support Our School .....	\$231.00
Debt Reduction .....	\$303.00
Easter .....	\$1,597.00
Good Friday .....	\$30.00
Number of envelopes used: .....	380

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on May 1. We recite the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary every First Saturday, for the faith raising of our parish.



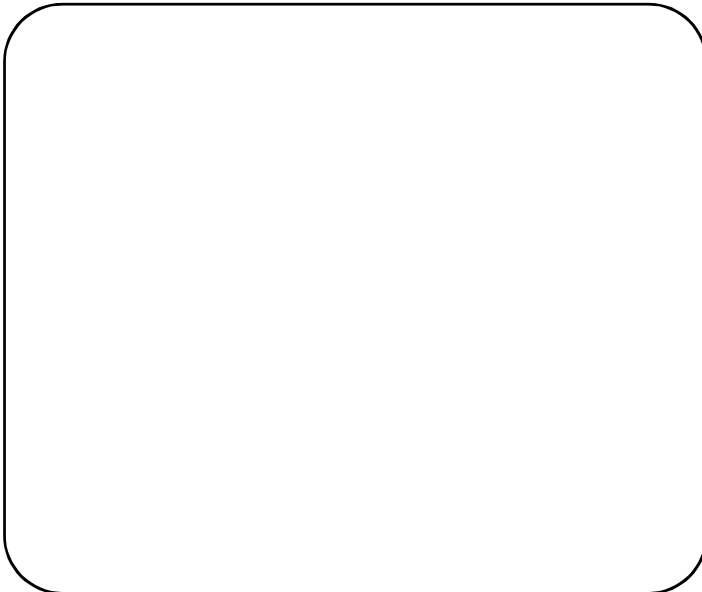
**PARISH PRAYER GROUP**-The Parish Family Prayer Group will meet next Sunday evening, May 2, at 6:15 p.m., in the church, to consecrate their families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please join us.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of *Tony Massi*, and *Loretta Hudak*, mother of *Mary Ciofani*, both who died recently. May our Lord grant Tony and Loretta eternal rest.

*“Pope John Paul II wrote that “Mary constantly sets before the faithful the ‘mysteries’ of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power.” In a most exquisite way, the Visitation verifies this vocation of the Blessed Virgin. In presenting herself to Elizabeth, she sets before all of us the mystery of her Son whom she bears. And she does this constantly. Mary’s concrete flesh and blood [now assumed into heaven] at this moment enables us always to live in front of the mysteries of Christ and to be enlivened by their saving power. How much we need the Mother of God coming into our life so that we can contemplate well the mysteries of Jesus-mysteries we would otherwise too readily turn into irrelevant abstractions. Why do you think the world has been blessed throughout history with so many authentic Marian apparitions? Our Mother well knows what we need to experience our Father’s saving power.”*

—Magnificat



# Liturgical Roles

## MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

### Week of April 26

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**  
 - Megan Stafford, Joe Ozbolt  
 - Matt Sunday, Emily Cooper
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**  
 - David Smith, Jr., Samuel Yetzer  
 - Sean Leahy, Bob Ruedlinger
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**  
 - Ryan Sklarek, Will Uhl  
 - Megan McKenzie, Luke Zvada

### Saturday, May 1

- 5:00 p.m. - Samantha Serfass, Dylan Simon  
 - Rick Canestraro, Alyssa Johnson

### Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. - David Kauffman, Nick Reed  
 - Rochelle Rodrigo, Marla Iverson
- 9:30 a.m. - Caitlin Davies, Rachel Figliomeni  
 - Colton Hatch, Joshua Heskamp
- 11:30 a.m. - Christopher Hall, Jacqui Flaherty  
 - Nick Flanigan, Leslie Katzenmeyer

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 1

- 5:00 p.m. - Chuck & Vera McEvoy, Tom Witschey  
 - David & Lucy Meager

### Cup Ministers

- Tom & Annette Palecek, Frank Collins  
 - Brian & Angela Madigan, JoAnn Tighe

### Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. - Bill Walchli, Dennis Busson, Dick Ravetta  
 - Dorothy Pape, JoAnn Riddell
- 9:30 a.m. - Tom Eaton, Frank Witschey, Jeff Witschey  
 - Bill & Nancy Adams
- 11:30 a.m. - Karla Bellinger, Jim Clark, Betty Ruppel  
 - Lane Edwards, Alice Henry

### Altercare

- Hunt/Jeglic

### Liberty Residence

- Mark Smith

### Magnolia

- Ruppel/Riddell

### Sterling Oaks

- Lionetti/Seifert

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 1

- 5:00 p.m. - Jim Carps, Frank Bertuzzi

### Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. - Lee Nichols, Joe Buccitelli  
 9:30 a.m. - Tom Seeman, Madeline Campobenedetto  
 11:30 a.m. - Amanda Porter, Dan Bellinger



**The Season of Hope  
and Bright Promise**



## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Prices:  
 \$10 per dozen  
 \$5 per 1/2 dozen  
 \$1 per single flower

Proceeds to benefit the Barberton Area Right to Life Society. They are used to educate the public about abortion, to provide alternatives, and to foster respect for all human life, from conception until natural death. *Thank you in advance for your help on behalf of all the innocent lives that will be saved.*

## BEAUTY UNFOLDING: A TIME OF PEACE

As the flowers bloom in the month of May, it is a fitting time to set aside a moment to reflect on the beauty of God blossoming in our lives. On Saturday, May 22, we will have a Women's Day of Reflection, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with lunch, prayer, and reflection. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. If you would like to be a part of the team planning this event, please call Karla Bellinger, 336-6314.

**A DONATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**-Eighteen of our high school youth will be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference on June 25th. This event makes a profound impact in a young person's faith life. We are looking for generous people to help defray the cost of a youth to go to this conference. Your help can make a difference. Please place an envelope, marked "Youth Conference", in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thanks!



## DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS

will hold their monthly General Meeting with a speaker at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at St. Martha's Church, McKeever Hall, 300 E. Tallmadge Ave., Akron. Visitors and perspective members are welcome and encouraged to come. For information on the group or meeting call, George, 330-626-3306, or Marie, 330-784-9650.



**THE 8TH ANNUAL CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN LECTURE** with James E. Hug, SJ, "Seeking Common Ground; Solidarity in a Fractured World", will be presented on Friday, May 28, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center. Please call 724-964-8920, ext. 3358, for registration or further information.



## Religious Education Notes

**PSR REGISTRATION**-Registration for the Parish School of Religion [PSR] classes for children attending public school will be held every Saturday, 9-9:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 6:30-7:00 p.m., in the PSR Office.

*Students new to the program must have a Baptismal Certificate at the time of registering.* Classes for the coming school year will be held Wednesdays and Saturdays. Fees are \$35.00 per child, \$75.00 for 3 or more. For further information, please call Diane Bruce, DRE, 335-0029.



**ATTENTION 7TH GRADERS!** If you are a 7th grader here at Sacred Heart Parish and plan on receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next fall, you should have received a letter from Mrs. Bruce. If not, please call the Religious Education Office, 335-0029.

**THE JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY** would like your help in sending items of comfort to our troops serving in Afghanistan. Collection boxes will be at the doors of the church. The items they need are: sunscreen, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shaving cream, deodorant, [unscented], board games, Cup O' Noodles, Ramen Noodles, lip balm, disposable razors, foot powder-Gold Bond, CD's [new & used], black socks, Gatorade packets, shaving mirrors, nonperishable food, white crew socks, Listerine Pack Strips, granola bars, envelopes and writing pads, baby wipes, [unscented], Q-tips, sewing kits, bubble gum, letters of encouragement and thanks.



**THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** at St. John's Cathedral will be Sunday, July 25, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years. **Deadline for reservations is June 11.** Please call the Parish Office, 336-3049 to register.



**THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK**, performed by Wayne Turney, will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, Wadsworth, on Saturday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. To order tickets, email: [stmarkswadsworth@aol.com](mailto:stmarkswadsworth@aol.com) [Phone 334-1715].



## This Week...

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- **HeroesCamp Registration after all Masses, Conry Room**  
10:25 a.m. - High School PSR  
6:00 p.m. - HeroesCamp Retreat, Conry Room  
7:30 p.m. - Youth Group, Upper Room

MONDAY, APRIL 26

- 3:30 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room  
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Commission, Conry Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room  
3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir, Conry Room  
6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church  
7:00 p.m. - Jr. High PSR, school

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- 10:30 a.m. - VBS, Red Group, Conry Room  
7:00 p.m. - 2nd Grade Novena, church  
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- 12:00 p.m. - BB Bible Study, Andes Room

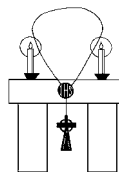
SATURDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00 a.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall  
9:15 a.m. - Elementary PSR, school  
11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- **HeroesCamp Registration after all Masses, Conry Room**  
10:25 a.m. - LAST High School PSR  
6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church

**LADIES & GENTLEMAN OF SACRED HEART PARISH**-The Altar & Rosary Society dues envelopes will be in



ALTAR AND  
ROSARY  
SOCIETY

your May offertory packet. These should be in the mail around the last of April. If you have not signed up in the past for an activity, or if you would like to change your listed choice, please mark the envelope with your new choice. The dues are \$5; we greatly appreciate any donation above that amount. All ladies of the parish are considered members of the Altar & Rosary Society, however, in 2003, only 200 responses/dues were received. We can do better! Thank you for supporting your Sacred Heart Parish.