

**SCRIPTURE READINGS AND
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, May 3

5:00 p.m. Tony Gaus – Beth & Dwight Fowler

Sunday, May 4

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Peter & St. Mary Parishes

11:30 a.m. James & Bernadine Pinnix – The Pinnix Family

Monday, May 5

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

8:30 a.m. Ruth Johnson – Katie Boesch

Tuesday, May 6

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

5:00 p.m. (For the Living) Catherine Therese Hahn – Fr. Hahn

Wednesday, May 7

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings – Anonymous

Thursday, May 8

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

8:30 a.m. Otto & Clare Ringwald – Don & Katie Ringwald

Friday, May 9

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

8:30 a.m. Lynda Barnes – Katie Boesch

Saturday, May 10

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

5:00 p.m. James Boblett & Rita & Kenneth Robinett – Judy Davis

Sunday, May 11

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

8:00 a.m. Lynda Barnes – Reed & Thecla Hauser

11:30 a.m. Ruth Johnson – Ed & Donna Weisenberger

CONGRATULATIONS to all making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Christian Brown, Cecelia Davis, Jordyn Harris, Hanna Kemper, Brittany Lott, Amanda Morris, Nicholas O'Bryant, Jack Reisinger, Maxwell Rose, Jacob Shuman, Kala Wetzal, Kaitlin Wetzal, Karlee Wetzal and Kathryn Wright. Thank you to all of your parents and teachers who have helped prepare you for this day. May God Bless you and keep in you the excitement and zeal of receiving Jesus throughout your whole life.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (B.A.A.)

On behalf of Bishop Campbell, I encourage you to support the B.A.A. that began last weekend, April 27, 2008. I am asking our parish family to raise \$80,000.00. In order to meet our goal, I am asking each household to consider a gift of at least \$400.00. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a source of hope and inspiration for so many in our midst. As you prayerfully reflect upon a gift in proportion to your financial blessings, please know that the Bishop and I are grateful to you for your sacrifice, regardless of the amount. Please make your pledge this weekend, May 3 and 4. We are off to a good start. Our first weekend we received pledges of \$11,280.00.

Thank you and God Bless You, Fr. Hahn

PARISH COUNCIL SIGN-UP

There will be sign-up cards at each entrance beginning this weekend through May 27, 2008. We are in need of two new members to serve a three-year term. All entrants will be called to make sure they are interested and can fulfill the monthly meeting requirements. Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to utilize your time and talent in service to your Church. You may enter yourself or someone else. The name of those who say "yes" will be put in a hat, and two names will be drawn the first weekend in June at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Those whose names are drawn will then come to the last Parish Council meeting in June for an introduction and then begin their service in August.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Christian Service will be having their spring Clothing Drive from May 18-June 3; you may leave your clean, gently used clothing and household items on the back porch of the Cephass Center. **Do not leave items outside or on the steps leading into the Cephass Center, this poses a safety hazard.** The doors will be unlocked from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thank you and God Bless.

BISHOP FLAGET SCHOOL

Open House

Bishop Flaget Catholic School will be holding weekly Open Houses throughout the month of May. Each Wednesday, members of the community are welcome to visit the school from 1:00-2:30 p.m. to "see what makes us different." Classes will be in session as usual, but visitors are welcome to check in with the office to take a tour or visit a particular classroom. Bishop Flaget is still accepting students in grades pre-K-8th. Bishop Flaget School welcomes all who desire a high-quality education with a strong moral foundation. Students who attend Bishop Flaget experience great academic success in high school, graduate at the top of their classes, and report that they feel better able to deal with the pressures of growing up based on their Christian foundation. Come see what makes our school special!

Auction/Dinner

Bishop Flaget School would like to thank the families of St. Mary's and St. Peter's and all of Chillicothe for their support of the school and the La Fiesta Mexicana Dinner Auction. Proceeds from this auction will top \$50,000.00, and we could not do it without the generosity of our parish families. **THANK YOU!**



From the Pastor's Desk

I thought I would write a bit in follow-up to my homily on the mural, BAA, and the finances of our parish.

First, the mural: As I mentioned, the design and colors of the mural are based upon our beautiful stained glass windows. The image of the Crucifixion is also an image of what occurs at every Mass. At the bottom of the image is St. John, the beloved disciple, and the Blessed Mother Mary. They are the Church gathered in prayer at the foot of the Cross. They and we make our prayer to the Father through Jesus Christ: "Through Him, With Him, In Him..." God the Father receives the prayer of Jesus and His Church, and then in return pours out His Holy Spirit through Jesus. –that is through the Body of Jesus, His Church – through the Word of God, through the Sacraments, through us, as we leave to bring the kingdom into our daily lives!

Second, the BAA: The total goal for the BAA for our diocese is \$5.5 million while our share of meeting this goal is \$35,300.00. This money will be used to support many of the services of the diocese including seminarian education, outreach to the poor, and special grants for parishes in need.

As I also mentioned, my goal for the parish is \$80,000.00. The money over our diocesan target of \$35,300.00 that would be returned (which is not taxed at the diocesan rate of 5% as are all other collections) would be applied towards beautifying this House of God, our parish church. Last year, we raised over \$20,000.00 over our diocesan goal which enabled us to repair the organ and relocate it and the choir to the Choir Loft. We also planned to do some preventative maintenance on the stained glass windows which, thanks to the grant won by one of our parishioners, will now cost the parish little. That means the excess funds from last year can also be applied to this year's beautification projects. God has blessed our parish abundantly, particularly in the gift of one family to pay for the entire Crucifixion mural that is proposed to go above the main altar. The money that we raise through the BAA will enable us to provide it a worthy and beautiful frame, pay for other painting in relation to the mural, pay for new spotlighting, and start us into the next phase of lighting in the church and marble in the sanctuary.

In order to do this, I am asking each family to consider the sacrificial gift of \$400.00 and, as not all are in a position to do this, I ask those who are in a position to give more, to please do so. May we all give according to our means. Please drop off your BAA envelope in the collection during the next couple of weeks (envelopes are available at the entrances of the church).

Third, the financial state of our parish: Due to bequests and gifts, we have been able to do some major maintenance projects including the paving of the parking lots and work on the convent and Rectory. A benefactor paid to have a handicap ramp installed at the Cephass Center. This year, we will focus on the church, reroofing it, buying a new air-conditioning unit and a new boiler system. Both the roof and air conditioning are at the end of their useful lives. The boiler system for the church will enable us to disconnect it from the system that currently heats up both the school building and the church. This will make it more efficient and we expect will help with heating costs.

However, as you can tell from the stewardship report in the bulletin each week, we are still not at our goal of being able to pay for our expenses out of our offertory income (which is the only reliable income for us, as gifts and bequests cannot be relied on from year to year). You have responded over the year, as offertory is once again up, but I encourage you, if you have not increased your offertory in recent times, to pray about doing so.

Finally, I thank you for your generosity in giving to the BAA and to the parish, regardless of the amount. I would just ask that *all* of us do our part in supporting the life of the church at our local parish level and at the wider diocesan level. May the Lord reward you for your generosity!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Hahn

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
11:30 a.m. Mass
First Holy Communion and May Crowning
12:30 p.m. First Communion Reception and Coffee & Donuts in Parish Hall
Everyone is Welcome

Monday, May 5

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent DePaul

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 p.m. New Study: Book of St. Matthew at St. Mary's Office, Chillicothe

Wednesday, May 7

12:00 p.m. Study of St. John at Cephass Center
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 8

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Saturday, May 10

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 11

**Happy Mother's Day to all Moms
Pentecost Sunday**

Interested In Learning

The Practice of Natural Family Planning?

Natural Family Planning classes are available through the Marriage and Family Life Office. Instructors are couples nationally certified by the Diocesan Development Program for NFP, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities. To inquire about taking the NFP class or training as instructors, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.

NOTE: PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH ARE IN THE VESTIBULE AND ON THE CHURCH WEB SITE (www.stpeterchillicothe.com).

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We will be having coffee and donuts after both Masses this weekend. Come and join your fellow parishioners for a hot cup of coffee and your favorite donut. Mass Intention envelopes are available.

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY WITH THE BISHOP

Please join Bishop Campbell for the 31st annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. The day begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and entertainment, and then the annual raffle of door prizes! The price for the luncheon is \$10.00. To register, contact the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 by May 14, 2008.

**U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year, 2008, the Church in the United States marks the 100th anniversary of our mission independence. In 1908, the Church decided we no longer needed financial help for our pastoral and evangelizing needs from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the donations you give to annually. Up until that time, we had received some \$7 million in assistance to support the pastoral and evangelizing needs of our young U.S. Church. As we mark this anniversary, we celebrate our rich missionary history and reflect with gratitude on the debt we owe to the missionaries who journeyed here and to the Catholics who supported their efforts through the Pontifical Mission Societies. **This web site www.iama.missionary.org features articles on America.** It is free. The first issue examined the founding of both the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Association, and the 19th century missionary journey.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Answer Your Cell Phone – May 8, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Gathering Time – That means food
9:00 p.m. – Depart

Please pray for the following people: Catherine Therese Hahn, Thelma Tomastik, Marjorie Althouse, Christine Straight, Dolores Wolf, Roger Cooper, Regina Breiel, Jason Deil, Robert Copley, Heather Diehl, Christa Gleich, Chris Walker, Cindy Eulenbach, Jim Hixon, Lewin McKnight, Emma Catherine Copley, Leeann Morris, Julia Mangual, Sandy Tull, Karen Howard, Marcia Greave and Mike Darby. To place a name on the prayer list, please call the office.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

STEWARDSHIP

Budget...\$6,198.08 Weekly
Amount needed to meet fiscal year

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 6,198.08	\$ 272,715.52
Actual Offertory	5,068.17	266,165.74
Variance	(\$ 1,129.91)	(\$ 6,549.78)
Improvement Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 4,876.00

The special collection envelopes for April were as follows: Rice Bowl – \$268; Communications – \$2.00; Catholic Relief Services – \$30.50; Holy Land – \$12.00; Central & Eastern Europe – \$749.50; Habitat – \$568.00; Bishop Flaget – \$86.00; St. Margaret Cemetery – \$246.00; and St. Vincent De Paul – \$248.00.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on her "special" birthday:
May 10 – Anna Shelhart, 3627 Owl Creek Road, Frankfort 45628

Virginia Ray would like to thank all of you for the beautiful cards and well wishes she received for her birthday.

Ministerial Schedules for the summer months will be prepared very soon. If you know of times you will be gone this summer, please contact Jenny French as soon as possible. If you are in need of changing times or need to be removed, please let her know as well. She can be contacted at 774-4172 or by e-mail at lynnifer@roadrunner.com.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

5:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 10
EUCHARIST: Wil Vickery, Geeta Halley, Marlene Berling
GREETERS: Bob & Jenny French
LECTOR: Sr. Mary Peter, Lorraine Hill
OFFERTORY: Dan & Judy Harness
SERVERS: Douglas French, Nicholas French, Trevor Harris
USHERS: Danny Harness, Paul Reed, Dave Purpero, Bill Seidensticker
SACRISTY: Jean Rusk

8:00 a.m. – Sunday, May 11
EUCHARIST: Bill Neal, Vicky Palisbo, Roger Cenci
GREETERS: John Schumacher Family
LECTOR: Bob Weisenberger, Reed Hauser
OFFERTORY: Aaron Brown Family
SERVERS: Jacob Givens, Jake Rose, Nick Rose
USHERS: Ricky Dennis, Sam Dennis, Bob Irwin, Shirley Irwin

11:30 a.m. – Sunday, May 11
EUCHARIST: John Gabis, Belva Snow, Annette Roth
GREETERS: Marilyn Taylor, Queen Lester
LECTOR: Jerry Campbell, Tom Carmon
OFFERTORY: Henry & Carolyn Barlage
SERVERS: Andrew Gabis, Joseph Maimone, Peter Maimone
USHERS: Henry Barlage, Jr., Queen Lester, Tom Stanton, Sericia Tinsley