



Mass Intentions

Confessions are offered ½ hour before each of the Masses and anytime by appointment.

- Sunday, Feb. 5 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. Parishes of Holy Trinity & St. Joseph, Clark Clady – Bucyrus
10:30 a.m. Dorothy Mies – Galion
- Monday, Feb. 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions**
8:00 a.m. Frank Valentz – Galion
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Weekday**
6:30 p.m. Mary Kramer – Bucyrus
- Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Weekday**
8:00 a.m. Gaylord Patterson – Galion School Mass
1:00 p.m. Mass – Bucyrus School Mass
- Thursday, Feb. 9 – Weekday**
6:30 p.m. Special Intention - CC – Galion
- Friday, Feb. 10 – St. Scholastica**
9:00 a.m. Arden Vaughan – Bucyrus
- Saturday, Feb. 11 – Vigil – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:30 p.m. Ruth Alt – Bucyrus
6:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph & Holy Trinity – Galion
- Sunday, Feb. 12 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. Roy Washer – Bucyrus
10:30 a.m. Cathleen Conry – Galion

LECTORS, SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY DISTRIBUTORS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, February 11

- 6:30 p.m. Dorothy Weir, Lector; Christopher Bood & Victoria Keller, Servers; Shirley Fitz, John Harsh, Sherri Shirley, Karen Lightfoot

Sunday, February 12

- 10:30 a.m. Anna Friday, Lector; Ryan Talbott & Julieann Clouse, Servers; Don Friday, Phil Ginther, Barbara Keyes, Marilyn Stinson

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOMES: Greg Butler, Julie Duryea

HOME DISTRIBUTORS: Anita Henry, John Depinet

MONEY COUNTERS FEBRUARY 12: Rita Newell, Susan Koehl, Carolyn McElligott

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned at Mass last week, today's bulletin includes Bishop Blair's statement on the recent ruling from the Department of Health and Human Services. A letter almost identical to his is being publicized in most of the parishes here in our state. Bishops across the country are united in fighting this very bad legislation and we should also if we wish to preserve our religious freedom. Even the *Washington Post* sided with us in saying that the Administration's decision is "wrong" because it is an attack on religious freedom.

Some people contend that the Church should not get involved in this because it mixes religion with politics. Where did we ever get the idea that the Church should not be involved in the political process? Why would the Church not address the moral issues of a governmental decision that affects so many of its citizens? Faithful Catholics are called to be part of the political process because this is how we peacefully bring about change in our democratic society.

The Church does not and should not endorse any political party or candidate. Instead, it seeks to form the moral conscience of people so that they will make good choices, including political ones. From our faith we know that the truths and teachings of God are the best path for truth, justice, and the common good. The difference, however, between us and some of the current people in Washington DC is that we do not *force* people to violate their moral conscience. Forcing people to do something they don't like is one thing but trying to force them to do something that they believe is morally wrong is another matter. We once respected that in this country.

The faithful followers of Jesus Christ will take His message into every aspect of the culture, even the political realm. Our first loyalty should not be to a political party but to the Church that Jesus himself established. We are first Catholics, then Americans, and then possibly affiliated with a political party. Sadly, sometimes the reverse is true for people. Political parties and even nations come and go, but the Church prevails just as Jesus promised Peter over 2000 years ago!

I encourage you to spend some time listening to the voice of God instead of the other voices of self, culture, politics, etc. Let's not be afraid to believe what God proposes to us through His Church. God says *my ways are not your ways and you will have to carry your cross at times IF you want to follow Me.*

"Be not afraid!" (the first words of John Paul II's pontificate)

Fr. Miller

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 5 – Server Training after 10:30 a.m. Mass in Church
February 6 - St. Vincent de Paul Society 1:00 p.m. rectory
February 6 - Catholicism Classes 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. in rectory
Episode 3 – Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought
February 8 - RCIA 7:00 p.m. in Galion
February 8 - Ultreya at 7:00 p.m. in Activity center meeting room
February 9 - Rosary 6:00 p.m.

IN GOD’S ARMS FOREVER – George Mathews

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet on February 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the rectory.

CATHOLICISM SERIES – All classes are held in the rectory basement on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Use side door entrance). Feb. 6 - Episode Three – Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Great Can Be Thought

THE HEISER FAMILY would like to thank Fr. Miller, Fr. Haas, staff and friends for all help, kind words, prayers and kindness for our family and Kenneth during his long illness and death. We would also like to thank the Sacristans for a wonderful luncheon.

A DIVORCED & SEPARATED RETREAT, “Becoming a Beloved Daughter or Son,” will be held February 10-12, 2012, at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, 321 Clay St., Carey, Ohio. Come and join retreat directors Joanne Cavedine, Karon Kujawa and Fr. Marty Nassr as we look into some of the untapped treasures of our Catholic Faith and rich spiritual heritage. For information contact Monica Martinez at the Toledo Diocese Marriage and Family Life Office, 1-800-926-8277, Ext. 505), or contact Brother Randy at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, 419-396-7970.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS – The Catholic Women’s Club is offering a \$500.00 Scholarship to a high school senior girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. There are applications on the bulletin board in the back of church.

COLLECTIONS

January 28 & 29

Collected \$5,534.81 Budgeted: \$7,000
Memorial Gifts \$50.00 School Operations \$75.00
Campus Maintenance \$25.00 Christmas \$50.00



SACRISTANS ANNUAL BAKE SALE – This year the annual Sacristans Bake Sale will be held February 11th & 12th after both Masses. All donations will be appreciated. The profits

of this sale go to help pay for altar linen, wine, communion hosts, altar candles, altar flowers, funeral dinners and other related expenses. Please be generous in your support of this worthy endeavor.

“COME AND SEE US” days at St. Peter’s High School provide an excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to tour the buildings, visit classes in session, talk with administration and staff, and learn more about academic and extracurricular programs. Please call the school office at 419-524-0979 to schedule your visit any day the week of February 21-24. (If these days do not work with your schedule, please be sure to request a day/time that is convenient for you.)

“OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION” at St. Peter’s High School is scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tour the high school building! Meet faculty and administrators! Meet athletic team coaches! Find out why more than 95% of SPHS graduates attend college! Get information on the school mission, tuition assistance, Christian service program, extracurricular programs, and academic programs that rank SP sophomores among the highest OGT scores for most years! (Important high school information meeting at 2:00 p.m. in auditorium.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today’s gospel Jesus went to the “house of Andrew and Simon” to relax but discovered that “Simon’s mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once.”