

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 1

4:30 p.m. – St. Mary – Virginia Missler

Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. St. Mary – George Widman; Mary Lou Linkous

10:30 a.m. St. Anthony – Leonard Gliatta; Living & Dec'd. Of Voltz/Cumston Families

Monday, May 3

9:00 a.m. St. Mary – Patricia & Richard Spilker

Tuesday, May 4

9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Richard O'Donnell

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony – Welfare of the Parish

Thursday, May 6

NO MASS

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony – Tom Sartor

Saturday, May 8

4:30 p.m. St. Mary – Gene Burgess

Sunday, May 9

8:30 a.m. St. Mary – Jerry Kromer; Marie Adelman

10:30 a.m. St. Anthony – Kathy Vogus; Jennirose Marett Dunn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Sts. Phillip & James

(561) 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Jn. 14:6-14

Tuesday, Weekday

(286) Acts 14:19-28; Jn. 14:27-31a

Wednesday, Weekday

(287) Acts 15:1-6; Jn. 15:1-8

Thursday, Weekday

(288) Acts 15:7-21; Jn. 15:9-11

Friday, Weekday

(289) Acts 15:22-31; Jn. 15:12-17

Saturday, Weekday

(290) Acts 16:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (57C); Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14:23-29

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE of the Norwalk Catholic School Board is accepting self nominations for a vacant seat on the school board. This term commitment would be two years with the option for a three year term renewal. Interested candidates may pick up an application from the Presidents office in the high school beginning Monday, May 11th. The deadline for application submission is Friday, May 22nd, You can also contact Ruthann Stocker for applications at 419-668-9713.

The Gospel challenges us to see DIFFERENCES in one another in a new way, not as something we need to change or tolerate, but to embrace. In a Christian family, we are accepted and cherished for who we are and who we can be. "This is how all "will know you are my disciples" and "God is glorified."



Dear Parishioners:

Let me begin by offering my congratulations to our eighth graders who will celebrate their Confirmation next weekend. Because this is the 100th anniversary of our diocese, we decided to take our Confirmation class to Rosary Cathedral for the celebration of the sacrament. It will be a wonderful experience for them I am sure. This year we have 34 students from both parishes who will celebrate the sacrament.

I would also like to thank all of the sponsors who accepted this responsibility. They have spent a great deal of time with their candidate to help them see the importance of this sacrament. I would also like to thank the parents for their involvement as well.

It is also important that I say a word of thanks to the PSR staff who worked very hard preparing the students this year. We had a wonderful retreat at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue a few Saturdays ago. The staff and I had the opportunity of talking to the candidate's one on one to see how they have progressed over this year. I was impressed with their knowledge and the type of service hours they performed as part of their preparation. I do believe that they are ready for this important step in their faith lives.

One of the most important concepts that we tried to get across to them is that this sacrament is not magic but requires a daily effort to accept the gifts of the Spirit and use them in their lives. We also tried to help them realize that this sacrament, as Baptism, will continue throughout their lives. Not only do we encourage them to remember this but it is also important for each of us to remember this as well. So often times we take our faith for granted. It is there it is as a part of us and for some this is where it remains. All of us need to realize that the sacraments are not magic but require our choosing to allow them to be alive in each of our spiritual journeys.

Sometimes we forget this and allow our own needs and wants to dominate our lives. Sometimes we let the world around us dictate how we are going to live each day. Sometimes we close our eyes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit right before us. We know that at times it is easier to follow the ways of the world. We know that at times it is difficult to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. But as confirmed followers of the Lord we are called to let the gifts of the Spirit guide and direct us. I hope and pray that our newly confirmed parishioners will allow the Holy Spirit be their guide. God bless.

Father Speier



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Life in its fullness is only lived in self-giving, and that is the fruit of the grace of Christ. - Pope John Paul II, Message to the Youth of the World (February 14, 2001)

ST. ANTHONY PARISH NEWS...

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS, ST. ANTHONY

April 25th (\$103.00 loose) \$1874.00
 Extra Monthly 64.00
THANK YOU!

ST. ANTHONY MAY 9th

~**SERVERS:** Nate Shafer; Ben Bursley; Luis Ceja
 ~**USHERS:** Mike Moyer; George Eslinger
 ~**COMMENTATORS:** (C) Dan Obringer (L) Allison Spence
 ~**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Jennifer & Luis Ceja; Yvonne & Dan Obringer; Larry Salmons; Tracey Moyer
 ~ **SACRISTAN for May:** Amy & Rich Shafer

~**ST. ANTHONY 200 CLUB WINNERS for April 26th:** \$50.00: Dan Burke; \$25.00: Dale Hohler; \$25.00: Rita Bartholomew.

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY...

If you are searching and trying to find God, or have a friend, neighbor, spouse, who has asked questions about the Catholic faith, **invite them to join the inquiry process, it is available when you are and simply begins with you asking questions.** For more information please contact: The parish office or Linda Salmons @ 419-366-7778.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO The Very Reverend Francis J. Speier; Linda Salmons; Paul & Margo Woronecki; the Music Ministry; the Luncheon committee and all those who donated food or contributed in any way to the beautiful funeral service of Richard Finnen. *Sincerely, the Family of Richard Finnen*

DONATIONS: St. Anthony's Eagle Scout Project Nate Shafer, a member of Milan Troop 214 and St. Anthony's Parish, is currently working toward his Eagle Scout rank. His approved Eagle Project is a new "Audio/Video Resource Library" for St. Anthony's Parish, which the St. John Neumann Deanery can also access. He is currently asking for donations to fund his project which will be housed in the PSR office in the parish hall. The new Resource Library will contain material for sacramental preparation, R.C.I.A. program, Confirmation program, Christian Formation and Christian family based material, which will be inventoried and cataloged. These materials along with shelving, tables, electronics, and supplies will total \$1,492.00. Donations to Nate's project are being collected by Linda Salmons and being placed in a special account for Nate to access. Donations can also be placed in the collection basket and marked "Eagle Project". On behalf of Nate Shafer, Thank You!



ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS ARE:
 Kathy Cumston @ 419-499-2106; Judy Didelot @ 419-499-2192 or Linda Salmons @ 419-588-2601. The St. Anthony and St. Mary E-mail prayer chain contact is Jeri Miller at jmiller41@neo.rr.com

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THOSE IN NEED: Marie Hohler; Earl Pederson; Mary Ellen Haeuptle; Kathy Steinmetz; Zachary McKee; Gloria Vaughn; Theresa Baptista; Paul Kirk; Carolyn Watson, Greg Ogle; Doug Lillibridge, Andrew Metz, Chris & Patrick Yovanav, Renee Brown, Barbara Marett, Dee Tomaszewski, Patty Smith, Barbara Dennis, Veronica Hemchack, Pat Herb, Jon Ott, Phyllis Sanders, Mary Schultz, Dorothy Silcox, Florence Young, Charlotte Zacharysz. May they feel the healing presence of God's love.

MARK SARTOR, (TOM'S SON), IS TRYING TO SELL TOM'S ESTATE. If you think that you may be interested in anything or would like to know what is available, please call Mark at 624-893-4494.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!! In honor of Mary, Blessed Mother of us all, we would like to show our appreciation to all women of our parish. With a special brunch complete with egg casserole, fruit cup, muffins, juice and coffee. Adults \$3.00, small children and seniors \$2.00 and when you bring your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, or Aunt their meal is free. Serving immediately following the 10:30 mass on May 9.



A PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!!!

This weekend our 2nd graders will be joining their parish community for the first time at the Table of the Lord. Saturday May 1st for St. Mary's and Sunday May 2nd for St. Anthony's. May they continue to grow in the Love of Jesus. Congratulations to: **St. Anthony's Students:** Sarah Bursley, Bobby Cumston, Adam Frederick, Emma Houser, Halina Krul, Jacob Lombardi, Cooper McIntyre, Madison Proy, Riley Rospert, Nathan Sebolt, Drew Sneider, Joseph Stoll, and Emily Vogus. **St. Mary's Students:** Jamie Anderson, Ella Stieber, Alec Maloney, Quinn Jaworski, Camden Caizzo, Tori Smith and Mara Berry.



Keep Bringing your IGA Receipts!! A box is in the vestibule for you to place them in. This is a great way to help defray some of the cost for PSR. We are very thankful to Schild's for their continued support of our PSR program.

ST. MARY PARISH NEWS...

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS, ST. MARY Collection Report for week ending 04/25/2010

67 Envelopes	\$3,415.50
Loose	395.50
Budgeted Amount	\$4, 875.00
Year to date budgeted (Week 43)	\$204,625.00
Year to date Actual	\$187,245.86
Over (Under) Budget for the Year	(\$17,379.14)

~**ST. MARY SERVER'S SCHEDULE for May 8th @ 4:30 p.m.:**
Jim Light; Ann Daugherty; Paul Hinckley. **May 9th @ 8:30 a.m.:**
Peter & Ben Jenkins; Sydney Reed.

~**ST. MARY USHER'S SCHEDULE: May 8th @ 4:30 p.m.:** Ken Fries. **May 9th @ 8:30 a.m.:** Tom & Cindy Smith; Bill Rospert; Scott Kaple.

~**ST. MARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 8th @ 4:30 p.m.:**
Carol Reynolds; Sr. Mary Agnes; Charles Smith; Bonnie & Butch Shelley; Penny & Chris Stang. **May 9th @ 8:30 a.m.:** Lynn Kleis; Sue Sturn; David & Sally Jenkins; Cindy Smith; Lyle & Suzanne Fisher.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of three classes beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in Norwalk. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. For further information, registration, or to learn of other classes in the area, please call Paul or Monica Depinet.

Men's Weekly Gospel Study

Men, come to share, listen and discuss the Sunday Gospel to prepare your hearts and minds before Mass each week! Join us for fellowship Saturday mornings from 7-8am downstairs in the Norwalk St. Paul Parish Center. Men from all parishes are welcome and no preparation is needed. Gospel readings are provided. Contact Ambrose O'Brien: **419-668-3094** or Jim Walker: **419-499-4008** with questions or for more information.

Special thanks to Father Speier, Linda Salmons, and the R.C.I.A. Team Leaders for your support and guidance this year. Grateful members: Kelsey O'Flaherty, Kay O'Flaherty, and Barb Barone.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ST. MARY'S WOMEN OF THE SPIRIT WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY GATHERING ON TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, AT 7:00 PM IN REYNOLD'S HALL. WE WILL START WITH OUR BUSINESS MEETING AND THEN PLAY GAMES AND CARDS - BE SURE TO BRING A FAVORITE GAME WITH YOU. FOR ANYONE WHO MISSED OUR BUNCO PARTY LAST MONTH - YOU MISSED A GREAT TIME. THANK YOU TO LISA HULL AND LUCY HOKES WHO WERE KIND ENOUGH TO "SHOW US THE ROPES".



ST. MARY PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS ARE: Lyle & Suzanne Fisher @ 419-706-2733; Mary Ann Fritz 419-668-0820 and Bob & Patricia Seitz @ 419-668-2190. The St. Mary and St. Anthony e-mail prayer chain contact is Jeri Miller at jmiller41@neo.rr.com



SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR KATHY MILLER - (Kathy is an aide in the preschool 4 year old class here at the NCS Early Childhood Center). Friday, May 21st, 2010, 5pm - 8 pm at St. Alphonsus Social Hall, Settlement Rd, Peru. All proceeds will go to the John Miller family to help with expenses associated with Kathy's cancer treatments. Also at the dinner will be a bake sale and a Tea Cup Auction. Please join us.

STELLA MARIS CIRCLE #384 DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will hold their May Meeting and Audit, **Thursday, May 13th** at 3:30 pm at Berry's Restaurant, 15 W Main St. All are welcome.

THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER, and for the bereavement department at Stein Hospice that means an exciting new year for Camp Good Grief. This is a week-long day camp for children between the ages of 5-13 who have experienced a loss of any type (ex. loss by death, familial incarceration, divorce, separation, etc) The camp provides an opportunity for children to become educated about the grief process, while learning healthy coping mechanisms and safe expression of feelings through art, music and play activities. Should you be interested and need additional information, please feel free to contact the Bereavement Department Assistant, Hope Seavers at 419-656-5353 or hseavers@steinhospice.org

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE...LIVE INTERNET SEMINAR - Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 1 - 2 pm EDT. Presented by NCPD Council on Mental Illness as part of its Welcomed & Valued Initiative, and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, helping parishes support the spiritual life of youth and young adults. Presenter: Dr. Robert McCarty, DMin, Exec. Director, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. To register or for more information visit www.ncpd.org or contact: Dr. Nancy Thompson at 319-270-6923 or 202-529-2933, 202-529-2934 (TTY) or by e-mail at nthompson@ncpd.org

Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. Project Rachel offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. There is also an independent Bible Study available specifically for post-abortive women or men. If you feel ready to talk with someone and/or would prefer to explore the bible study, we invite you to call the confidential help line at 419-260-5811.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCHOOL NEWS

SHOP news: **Brio** has just been added to our restaurant list. Their \$25 card comes with an 11% profit. Just write them in until you have a current form, or order online after May 1st. **Applebee's** is offering a 2% bonus through May 7th. **H & M** retail clothing store is offering a \$25 card with a 4% profit. **Shutterfly** is offering a 5% bonus through May 14th. **Home Depot** is giving an additional 1% through May 7. **Red Robin** is offering a 2% bonus through our May 3rd order. The **Bath & Body Works** semi-annual 5% bonus is now in effect through May 7th. Stock up for graduation, Mother's Day and birthday gifts.

You should have received your 2009-2010 school year statement. If you have any questions regarding this statement please contact Carol Fries (419-668-7925).

The following 5th and 6th grade Norwalk Catholic Elementary students won awards at State History Fair on Saturday, April 24th:
Excellence in Creativity: Jarod Schnellinger; **Excellence in Relation to Theme:** Ashley Painley and Jason Phillips; **Overall Excellence:** Paige Wnek; **Best in Show:** Kaeleigh Stang.

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR STUDENTS
ATTENDING THE STATE SCIENCE FAIR ON MAY 8TH!**

BINGO WORKERS

5/7—Pat Spettel, Lynn Smith, Jeanette Ott, Marci Reikowski, Deb Rhoad

5/14—Monica Powers, Lisa Bleile, Dave & Lisa Hedrick, Andy & Candy Skinn, Katie Barney, Amy Arnold, Sue Pocos, Cheri Centa, Mike Schwieterman, Cassie Shella

5/21—Jim & Jenifer Fulton, Sharon Harwood, Nick & Katina Kotsopoulos, Eric & Jennie Hipp

5/28—Jeanette or Mike Roth, Kathy or Tom Olak, Michelle Conney, Tonia or Joe Maxwell, Dan & Connie Caprara

Norwalk Catholic School is hiring a full time library aide for the 2010-2011 school year. The applicants must provide the required BCI and FBI background check. If interested, please send resume and completed job application (available on-line) to the Human Resource Department, in the Business Office, Norwalk Catholic School, 93 East Main St., Norwalk, Ohio 44857. Applications accepted through May 28th.

Have you made a gift to Friends for the Future, Norwalk Catholic School's Annual Campaign? Gifts of all sizes bless the school and allow us to continue providing quality Catholic education to our students. We're counting on you! Thank you.