

Today's Scripture: Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

SATURDAY: MAY 7 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Stephen Blackwell (Family)

4:30 pm For The People

SUNDAY: MAY 8 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sherman and Madeline Webb (Family)

11:00 am Caterina Scali (Maria Eder)

MONDAY: MAY 9 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am All Souls

6:30 pm Desmond Sherry (Connie Butala)

TUESDAY: MAY 10 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Loretta Audino, Juditha Ali and Marie

Theresa Ali (Ali Family)

6:30 pm Vincent Galyas (Cheryl Repasky Balata)

WEDNESDAY: MAY 11 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Sophie Miklich (Family)

6:30 pm Mary Wasco (Wasco Family)

THURSDAY: MAY 12 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Sophie Miklich (Mary Ann Blatnik)

FRIDAY: MAY 13 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Frank Teplik (Wife)

SATURDAY: MAY 14 SAINT MATTHIAS

7:30 am The Poor Souls in Purgatory
(Schiavoni Family)

4:30 pm Chris Habian (Jennifer Habian)

SUNDAY: MAY 15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am For The People

11:00 am William Poderzay (Margaret Poderzay)

Documentary: The Matter of Life

On May 16th and 17th, the award-winning documentary *The Matter of Life* will be shown at the Valley View & Macedonia cinemas. This movie compels us to understand the pro-life case and form our own individual beliefs based on more than what is said in the media. In the film, we hear from the experts and learn about the history, philosophy, morality and impact of abortion. When considering the ramifications of abortion in our nation, we must remember that real people are affected.

The Matter of Life stresses entering this conversation with understanding, love, and support. Doing so is critical to the lives of the unborn and women who carry them. Please consider attending this presentation.

MAY CROWNING AND CLOSING PSR MASS

Our annual May Crowning and Closing PSR Mass is May 23rd. Mass will start at 6:30 pm and May Crowning will follow. Please come and celebrate with us.

Parish Collection MAY 1, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$3708.33
Easter	\$165.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$147.00
Cloak Fund	\$215.00
Utilities	\$87.00
Flowers and Decorations	\$20.00
Newman Ministry	\$5.00
Holy Land	\$5.00
Lighthouse	\$3.00
Donations	\$1225.00
Candles	\$139.50
Parish Life	390.00

From Parish Finance -Andrea Morris-Finance Chairperson
Thank you for your continued support during this time.

PLEASE PRAY

Please keep in your prayers the sick and the homebound of our parish: Marissa, Patrice Adams, Joyce Armstrong, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Helen Blasko, Kathi Bayun, Margaret Blaha, Mary Ann Blatnik, Sue Boyne, Judith Carr, Robert Carr, Kathy Carrabine, Alexis Cerio, Drew Chernisky, Paul Cramer, Kevin Deka, Roger DiPenti, Jeff Fossa, Bob Frey, Bob Gerber, Danny Goins, Frank Gerber, Loretta Gerber, Mark Gerber, Lorenzo Gramuglia, Grant family, Ed Hall, Virginia Harley, Carla Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Bob Hrovat, Danny Houlahan, Cynthia Konopa, Dick Hovan, Anthony Hrich, Helen Husky, Nina Kucinic, John Klamar, Emily Kondash, Nicole Kukoleck, Sean Kukoleck, Jeffrey Ksiazka, Marge Langa, Ronald Lewayne, Fred Lisy, Patty Lisy, Dawn Marks, Diana Markosky, John McDonald, Denise Mummery, Cameron North, James Neitzel, Judith Nagorski, Jim Obley, Sr., Denis Osowski, Marilyn Palko, Margit Papay, Jim Piskura, Nancy Poderzay, Betty Rembowski, Dan Remar, Irene Remar, Mary Rataj, Cortney Ruggeri, John Sabo, Jonathan Sedor, Bonnie Sobiesiensi, Daniel Sholz, Edwina Stefanski, Janet S., Petar Tokic, Jean Toth, Gerald Towalski, Roberta Virzi, Jeffrey Virzi, Frances Yartz, Vern Yodsrukis

Please pray for recently deceased: Ruth J. Blazek

RICE BOWL

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the rice bowl program during Lent. \$2200.00 was collected!! Those pennies, dimes, dollars really add up when we work together on this simple act of kindness. What generous and caring souls abide at St. Martin of Tours Parish! God bless you for your faithfulness - Betty Hofman

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: MAY 7	7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: MAY 8	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass
Mon: MAY 9	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:00 pm Rosary/Novena 6:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm PSR Classes Grades 3 and 6 have Mass
Tues: MAY 10	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Mass
Wed: MAY 11	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Mass
Thurs: MAY 12	7:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Rainbow Support Group
Fri: MAY 13	7:30 am Mass
Sat: MAY 14	7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: MAY 15	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

[St. Martin's Cloak Food Collection](#)

For the foreseeable future, St. Martin's Cloak will only be accepting monetary donations. Your support of this very important ministry enables us to purchase gift cards for our neighbors and parishioners who are in need of food for their families. May God Bless You for your constant generosity.

[Check out the newly updated Webpage](#)

Stay up to date, view our bulletin Please view our website at: www.stmartinoftours.info

[Holy Cross Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar](#)

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park 216/641-7575 ext. 3 or email Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@clecem.org.

*Light on the Liturgy
by Ed Francis*

Symbols of the Easter Vigil, 2, The Readings, 2

Today's Readings:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050822.cfm>

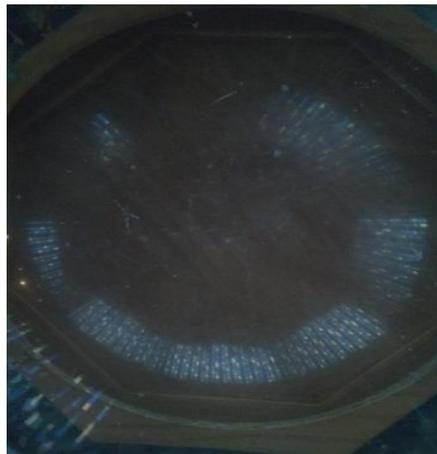
There are 2 Old Testament, Easter Vigil readings that are particularly important: the reading from Genesis 1 telling us about creation, and the description of God saving his people by bringing them safely through the waters of the sea. These 2 are among the most moving passages in the Bible – when read with preparation and understanding. There are two factors that help us better appreciate the full meaning of this passage and that this passage is not meant to teach history or science, but to tell us who God is, the meaning of creation and what humanity's place is in God's plan: yes, we are above all creation – but below God.

First, the author's concept of the universe was far different from ours. The people then knew only what they could see with the naked eye: they lived on a plain, like a saucer. Over this saucer there was a dome, like a picnic food cover, separating what they knew from what they didn't know. Two lights appeared each day on one side of the dome, moved over it and disappeared. That was all the "science" they knew. Secondly, we know that God created from nothing; their understanding was that God found a chaotic mess, characterized only by darkness; He brought order and meaning to the universe. Finally, it is worth noting that, although there are other similar creation accounts from that age, composed in the Middle East and Africa, none of them contain the same hopeful message that we find in Genesis about who God is and what God intended for creation. This points to the fact that the purpose of the Bible as the Word of God is its religious message, not to teach history or science.

The essence of that message is that a *good* and loving God created all things as *good*, in fact *very good* (Gen 1/31), including humanity, and that creation and humanity *remain* basically good. Human sin messed up God's plan, but God never gave up on us. That's the story of the rest of the Bible: God fixing the mess human sin made of creation. So we pray in the Psalm Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Even on the dreariest day with a gray sky and some drizzle of rain there was something which caught my attention that was bright. I was filling up a container with holy water. The same



water blessed at Holy Mass prior to the renewal of baptism promises. It was after the evening liturgy and as I gazed into the water there was a reflection that evidenced

light. What was reflected in the water (as shown here) what seemed to spots of light. It gave me

pause as to the presence of that which was handed on to us (more likely our sponsors) and that (at our baptism) would be the light of Christ. It also made somewhat memorable the words the Light came into the darkness and overcame the darkness. This week we read from John's gospel. In chapter six there was something similar to the passing over of the people led by Moses. Similar to the book of Exodus (in the gospel), there was a feeding and then movement across the water and then folks looking for Jesus on the other side of the water. What was given as a kind of homily were words that had to do (an instruction of sorts) with Jesus stating that He and the Father are one. He also said that the works He does is also the work of the Father. Some folks did not accept the instruction. Some tried to minimize his presence. (Do I give thought as to how I might minimize the sacred presence through my day?) Do I reduce that presence within me? Does it depreciate in certain settings?) What was evident was that the WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US. To that degree that we are baptized so we too possess the person of Christ in the most intimate manner. We too are nourished by that same presence each time we share in the supper and consume His body. I guess seeing the light above the baptism font reflected in the water on a very gray and somewhat dreary day surprised me in a manner that prompted a question. How well do I/We in the most dreary and gloomy and dismal circumstances, through the monotony of life and the past months dealing with fear and limitations imposed by covid and its implications, we still have the means of intercessory prayer and mindfulness to dispel the darkness as well. May we appreciate more and more the paschal candle lit at the vigil. May we seek to be associated with the light of the world and be for others those who live in His light and knowledge.

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rv 7:9, 14b-17 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

READINGS FOR THE DAY

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DAILY READINGS VISIT
< [HTTP://USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) > AND CLICK ON TODAY'S DATE ON THE
CALENDAR.

TELEVISED AND RADIO MASS SCHEDULE

HELPFUL GUIDE FOR TELEVISION VIEWING:

- Sunday at 10 am WUAB Channel 43, the CW
- Cox Communications Cable subscribers may select channel 45. Mass airs each week Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

HELPFUL GUIDE FOR RADIO AND AUDIO LISTENING:

- WINT-1330AM airs Mass each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- The Rock 1260 AM Sunday at 10:30 am

DIocese OF CLEVELAND DAILY MASSES ON THE INTERNET SITE AT
NOON DAILY

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse.

To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at:

mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about any inappropriate behavior.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for the year 2022, please call the rectory at 216-475-4300

Anointing of the Sick & Healing Prayer

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday June 4, 2022 at the 4:30pm Mass**. Following mass, members of the healing prayer team will be available to pray with you for your intentions. Also, prayer shawls will be available for you to take and share with those in need of healing and comfort.

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour



on Sunday May 15, 2022 at
St. Monica Church and on
Sunday May 29, 2022 at
St. Therese Church
Prayers start at 2:30 pm
All are welcome

Rosary for Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims

June 1, 2022 starting at 6pm, we will pray the Holy Hour for the Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims. We will start with the Rosary and end with Mass. **If you cannot come but want to pray with us, pick up a copy of the Rosary in the vestibule or the rectory.**

New Recycling Company

The new recycle bins from **River Valley Paper Company**, Akron, are here. The bins are now located **at the far end of the parking lot**. We no longer have to separate cardboard from paper, but please continue to flatten all cardboard boxes and any paper that has been shredded must be bagged. The bins will be emptied every two weeks. To learn more about the other services River Valley offers, visit: www.rivervalleypaper.com.

Rainbow Support Group

Rainbow Support Group - for all those who have lost a loved one—will continue its series of group sessions every Thursday through May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the school. If you have any questions, please call the rectory 216-475-4300.

St. Martin Seniors – Mother’s Day Luncheon

Our Mother’s Day luncheon will be held Thursday, May 19th at 12:30pm at Simons Restaurant and Deli located at 7770 Chippewa Rd. (Rt. 82) in Brecksville. We will be ordering off a selected menu and paying our own checks. New members are welcomed. Carpooling will be available in the parking lot of St. Martin at 12:00. PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY MAY 15 BY CALLING DEBBIE AT 216-741-4327 OR EDWINA AT 216-662-7834.

From Bobbi Bugaj

We celebrate a sacrament this weekend: Confirmation. I have been attentive to the preparation of the candidates this week because I know that in my life the greatest gifts have come from God. There is the Father sending the Son, who gave us the greatest of gifts, victory over sin and death. This led me to think about how the Holy Spirit has bestowed on me the gifts that have been the greatest as given in the scriptures: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. This weekend as the Confirmandi ask, some for the first time, in renewing their baptismal promises and having spent the time learning what a sacramental life means, will find in these gifts, fruits that will carry them to follow in “the way” of Jesus. Whenever I pray about the gifts I also think about the fruits because they go together in that whenever I step in the direction of the Holy Spirit, even when helping someone else, I am the first recipient of fruits. When I am kind to someone, I experience kindness, when I feed the hungry, I experience gratefulness. I know that all this comes with the Holy Spirit and living a faith that is not in step with the culture they are brought up in. I have found that the Spirit has given me all of these gifts at different stages of in my life or another. That these gifts were what I needed when making decisions for my own family and especially Mom or any other hard decision in my life. Whenever I wanted to give up something and it was not the best or optimum choice, there has been someone to tell me it was a good choice. I am excited for those being confirmed this Sunday, as I always am in the company of the community to witness the sacrament. The Spirit has always been there in their lives and with this final initiation, they will experience greater these gifts and fruits and grow in faith in life. These gifts of the Spirit are the greatest of gifts.

Please Join Us!
May Crowning and Closing PSR Mass
May 23, 2022 6:30 pm



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Knights of Columbus Dinner – May 18 CITY CHICKEN – NEW DAY – Cost \$10 Reservations Due: Sunday May 15 @ 8PM – Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering --- phone 216-662-2277 --- MAILBOX #3 Dinner will consist of – **1 LG CITY CHICKEN, MASHED POTATES, VEGETABLE, WATERMELON WEDGE EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED - PRE-ORDER ONLY - TAKEOUT ONLY - Curbside Pickup - READY TO HEAT NO BAKERY. SERVING TIME 4 - 6 PM** PICK-UP at 10806 Granger Road - Club 4130 *Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage. If someone else is picking up - leave their name also*

Catholic Cemeteries Association

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, Visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>, or for more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

St. Benedict Early Learning Center

St. Benedict Early Learning Center is looking for substitute aides to work with our littlest learners. The Early Learning Center program consists of a daycare, preschool and kindergarten. Days and hours would be dependent on need. Individuals would need to be VITRUS trained and fingerprinted. Please contact Mrs. Malone at 216-475-3633.

St. Edward Get the Edge Camp

St. Edward's Summer Enrichment Camp for Boys Entering Grades 7 & 8

Dates: Weekdays from Monday, June 13 – Friday, July 1

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$300

Location: St. Edward High School

To learn more and to register, please visit: sehs.net/gte

Help the Faithful in Ukraine

For more than 70 years, Aid to the Church in Need, an international charity under the guidance of the Holy Father, has been helping the persecuted and suffering faithful around the world, including the Ukraine, where we have a well-established network of priests and religious who, despite horrific circumstances, courageously continue addressing the needs of their people. Help us help them. 100% of your donation will help the Ukrainian people. Please go to:

<https://helpukraine.churchinneed.org/>, and click on **Donate**

Treasure Each Moment

Helping Treasure Each Moment is easy, just shop using the link below. Pampered Chef will donate up to 30% of your purchase so **Jes Zerlasko** can offer services to children with special needs. Thanks for your support!! And, a special thanks to **Roxann Benhanguerte** for hosting this fundraiser! <https://pamperedchef.com/party/roxannben0430>