

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 1

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Holtz, Sunderhaus & Jackson Families

Tuesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. -

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. - Jeff Geise +

Thursday, June 4

8:30 a.m. -

Friday, June 5

8:30 a.m. - Tom E. Gremling +

Saturday, June 6

8:30 a.m. - Bill & Rita Noll + Leonard & Genevieve Noll + Wm. & Mary Campbell +

5:00 p.m. - Dick Gibson + Jack Frueh +

Barb Daley, Sharon Daley-Geier & Susan Daley +

Sunday, June 7

8:30 a.m. - Jan Dillon + Wallace Winter +

11:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield families

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, May 31

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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Thursday, June 4

8:30 a.m. - Mass

Friday, June 5

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Saturday, June 6

8:30 a.m. - Mass

4:00-5:00 p.m. - Confessions in Church (use social distancing)

5:00 p.m. - Mass

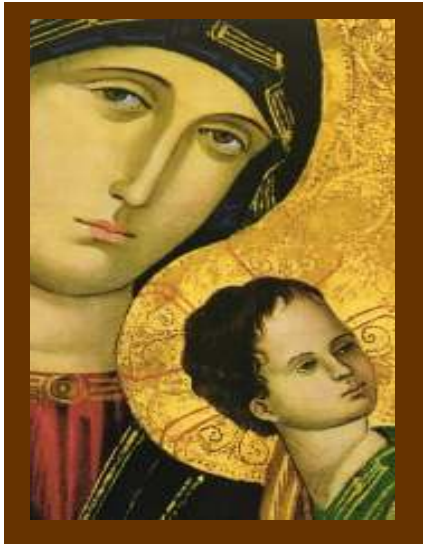
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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
May, 3rd week On-line: \$ 2,389.50	\$ 9,261.97	\$ 8,236.50
# of Envelopes	221	142
YTD Totals:	\$ 509,591.16	\$ 485,066.50

Thank you to those who have sent in their envelope or dropped them off to the Parish Office. We have also had a nice increase of parishioners sign-up for online giving! We greatly appreciate it!



**OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

Icons are not meant to be realistic as far as physical representations, but rather in a way to portray eternal truths.

In the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the child Jesus is not portrayed in the proportions of an infant, but appears almost adult size in miniature form.

This has been interpreted to indicate that He is God, having infinite knowledge. Yet He is human as well as He clings to His mothers hand.

The face of our Lady is grave and sorrowful, with her large eyes directed at us. One feels she is pleading with us to avoid sin, which has caused her Son to suffer so much. Mary's mouth is small to indicate her spirit of silence and prayer.

Christ's hands are turned palm down into His Mother's to indicate that he has placed the graces of the Redemption in her keeping. It is of no small significance that Our Blessed Mother herself referred to the icon by the title of "Holy Mary of Perpetual Help."

ST. GERARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

Requests for prayers, or if you would like to become a prayer warrior, email your requests to: stgprayerchain@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080. A team of prayer warriors will pray daily for all requests for 30 days. Requests for prayers are kept confidential and last name need not be given.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

The Way of the Heart:

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



**Mary, Mother of the Church
Memorial - Monday After Pentecost**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADUAL RESTORATION OF PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Mt. 28: 20).

Having now entered into a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in which the State of Ohio is beginning to reopen certain businesses, and after prayerful consideration and consultation with the Bishops of Ohio, our diocesan College of Consultors, Presbyterial Council, and the Worship and Sacraments subcommittee of the Pastoral Reintegration Team, this notice will highlight some of the changes you will see when we publicly celebrate Masses this weekend.

During this pandemic, the diocese will continue to foster the common good of all by conducting our public gatherings in a manner that promotes the health and safety of our faithful and those whom they will encounter.

With full realization that the manner and continuance of limited gatherings are subject to change at any moment, the **following guidelines will remain in effect at least until July 1, 2020**, unless we are notified otherwise.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS:

The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

Understanding the desire of so many of the faithful to return to our church, it remains important for those who are at greater risk (the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing conditions) to refrain from returning to public liturgies until such time as they feel comfortable and confident to do so.

PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- *Other than family/household members who live together, worshippers should be seated six feet apart in all directions.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADUAL
RESTORATION OF PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES (CONTINUED)**

PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING (Continued):

- *For the Communion procession, care should be taken to ensure that proper social distancing (6 feet) is maintained. Communion will be distributed in single file.*
- *The Sign of Peace continues to be suspended during this time. Please be reminded that there is to be no physical contact (handholding) during the Lord's Prayer, a gesture that is not prescribed in the Roman Missal. This practice will be permanently discontinued even after the coronavirus pandemic.*
- *The distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice continues to be suspended during this time.*
- *The reception of Holy Communion on the hand is acceptable. Communion will not be received on the tongue.*
- *You are asked to not congregate following the Mass.*

SAFETY AND SANITIZING PUBLIC SPACES:

- *Baptismal fonts and holy water stoops will remain empty.*
- *All areas of the church will be disinfected before and after each liturgy. (We may be asking for volunteers).*
- *All hymnals and missalettes will be removed and stored for the duration of the pandemic.*
- *No collection will be taken up during the Mass. Collection baskets will be near the entrances/exits of church. Please drop off your contribution on your way in or out of Mass.*
- *Face masks/coverings are highly encouraged for those in the congregation, but are left to your discretion.*

OTHER SACRAMENTS AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

- *Beginning May 30th, confessions will be held on Saturday from 4-5:00 p.m.*
- *All other devotions (Eucharistic Adoration, First Friday, etc.) will be cancelled at this time. We hope these can resume July 1, 2020.*
- *Confirmation will be held SUNDAY, June 14th at 5:00 p.m.*
- *First Holy Communion will be held SUNDAY, June 28th at 4:00 p.m.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 6/6 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 6/7 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 6/7 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 6/7 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	S. Urban M. DeVita	T. Martin S. Ellinger	D. Vondrell G. Vondrell	
LECTOR:	B. Flynn	M. Hickey	M. Spears	
ALTAR SERVERS:				
USHERS:				
SACRISTY WORKERS: (JUNE)	J. Blackburn, J. Wollf, L. Dodge, L. Taylor, P. Azzarello			

ST. GERARD FESTIVAL:

Please note that the date for our annual parish festival has been changed. Due to COVID 19, we have scheduled our festival for July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd. If anything changes, we will let you know.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning June 1, the Parish Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We will be closed on Friday's.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$991,598.52
Amount Paid: \$869,775.39

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Outstanding Balance:
\$121,823.13

Only \$8,401.48 to go before we reach our goal!

Welcome Home
WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE,
TEARS ARE SHED, LOVE IS FELT,
AND REFUGE IS FOUND
You belong here

If you would like to mail in your offertory contributions, please send them to:

St. Gerard Church
1307 N. Main St.
Lima, OH 45801

A PRAYER DURING COVID 19:

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God, You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

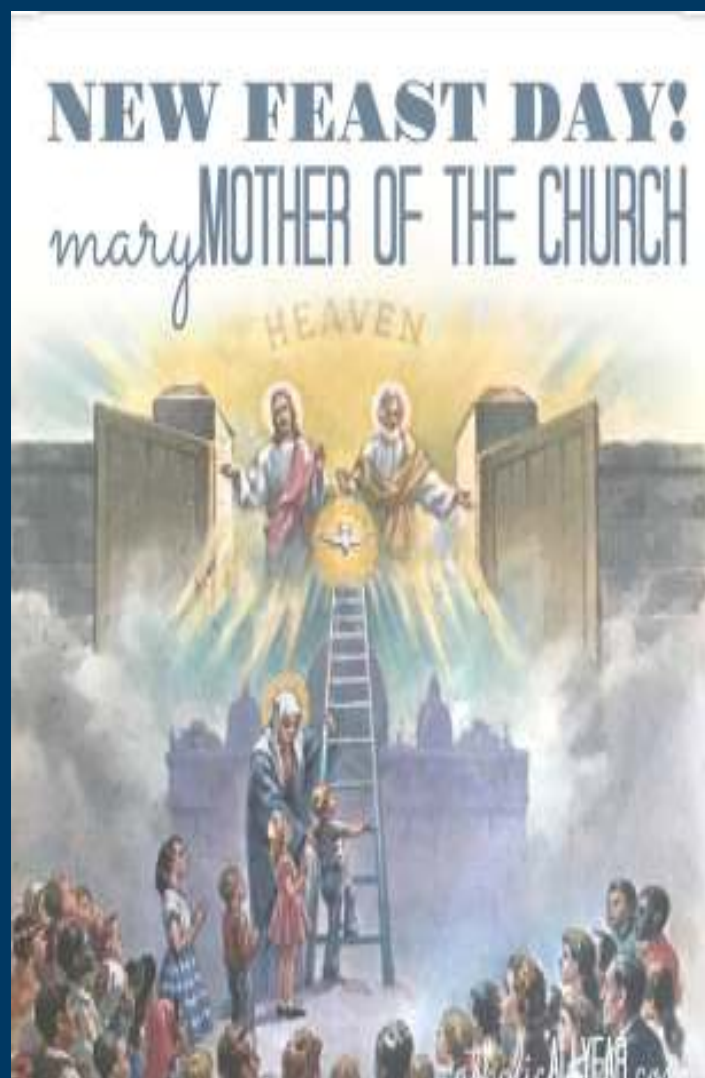
God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones-CAFOD



In 2018, Pope Francis instituted a new feast to be celebrated the Monday after Pentecost. It is a moveable feast, called Mary, Mother of the Church. Honoring Mary as mother of the church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended.