

**MONDAY, JULY 3 Saint Thomas**

8:00AM MASS Jamie Taft—Joe & Janet Campbell

**TUESDAY, JULY 4 Independence Day**

8:00AM MASS James L. Centner— Joe & Janet Campbell

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria and  
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

8:00AM MASS Rosemary Rolfes—Anniv. Rem.— Family

**THURSDAY, JULY 6 Saint Maria Goretti**

6:45AM MASS Louis Wagner—Tom & Judy Bonhaus

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**

8:00AM MASS Len Hellmann—Anniv. Rem.— Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 8 Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM Communion Service

4:00PM Rosary

4:30PM MASS John Wolber— Anniv. Rem.— Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM MASS Intentions of Celebrant

9:30AM MASS Maggie Rechtin—Anniv. Rem.— Family

11:30AM MASS Charles Schaiper—Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says to Peter [and to us],  
“Could you not, then, watch one hour with  
me?” Please consider joining your fellow  
parishioners for 30 minutes, or even one  
hour, at Eucharistic Adoration in the  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays from  
9:00AM until the Adoration ends at 10:00PM.



**C O N F E S S I O N S**

Thursday, July 6 , 4:30-5:00PM  
7:30-8PM

Saturday, July 8, 3:00-4:00PM

**LECTORS July 8 & 9, 2017**

4:30PM	Stacey Radziwon	Steve Ulmer
8:00AM	Jim Brady	Dori Altenau
9:30AM	Geraghty Family	
11:30AM	Paul Autenrieb	Anna Bonavita

**THANK YOU** to Hart Pharmacy for advertising in our  
bulletin.

**R O S A R Y**

**Monday thru Friday** after the daily Mass.

**Saturdays** after the 8 AM Communion Service.

**Mondays 7:00PM** Fatima Prayer Group in the  
Chapel.

**Friday mornings** at MaryAnn Baverman’s home for  
Moms and grandmoms and young children. We  
extend an invitation to join our group for prayer on  
Friday mornings from **10AM to 11:00AM**. We will  
show you how to pray the rosary. Please call  
MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.

**St. Antoninus Prayer chain:** To intercede for prayer  
requests, please go to [www.saintantoninus.org/  
prayer-chain](http://www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain) , or pick up a list in the back of the  
greeting room on the right side of the counter.  
Requests for prayers may be left there, or emailed  
to: [stapraychain@gmail.com](mailto:stapraychain@gmail.com), or you may mail  
request to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500  
Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

**SERVERS July 3-7, 2017**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM Mass**  
**Tuesday & Thursday 6:45AM Mass**  
Adult Servers

**SERVERS July 8 & 9, 2017**

**4:30PM** Lucy Guenther, Hailey Willen, Brenna  
Bohan  
**8:00AM** Adult Server  
**9:30AM** Kevin Rigney, Joe Emmett, Justin Re  
**11:30AM** Natalie Fahner, Ava McKenna, Maria  
Holmes

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS July 8 & 9, 2017**

**4:30PM** Bev & Vince Meyer, Steve Ulmer, Liam &  
Ellie Bohan  
**8:00AM** Fred Leicht, Norb & Linda Guetle, Pam  
Braunstein  
**9:30AM** Judy, Danny, Jason, Timmy & Kevin Rigney,  
Sandy Healey-Wenhold, Olivia Aisenbrey, Elizabeth  
Anderson, Mary Ann & Julie Baverman, Anna  
Bonavita  
**11:30AM** Christine & Matthew Weber, Barb  
Kitchen, Jacob Holmes, Michelle Cavanaugh, Nick  
Oehler, Ellen Smith, Sandy Gerhardt, Ann Downey,  
Brian Downey, Joe Reinstatler

Everyone,

Thank you so much for three great years with you. I will continue to pray for you and for St. Antoninus Parish. I will miss it here, and I will miss all of you. I have moved throughout last week. As of Midnight July 1, 2017, Fr. Haft will be your new pastor, as that is when the appointment takes effect. Please be good to him as you were good to me. If you remember only one thing from my time here, remember this, **you are loved by a God who loves you as if you were the only one to love.** God bless you all, and keep in touch!

Fr. Bryan T. Reif  
Pastor, St. Antoninus Parish

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**  
For week ending June 25, 2017  
NOT AVAILABLE AT DEADLINE TIME

#### **A message from Father Bryan Reif**

Father Andrew Umberg and I invite you to join us on a 12-Day Pilgrimage to Israel and Rome, November 6th through the 17th. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus. This Pilgrimage is \$4,298.00 from Cincinnati: Your all inclusive price includes: Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round trip International Airfare, Admin Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees, Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, First Class Hotels, and much more. For more information, or to book your trip, contact Kathryn Raaker at [513-616-6986](tel:513-616-6986), or [kraaker123@gmail.com](mailto:kraaker123@gmail.com).

**St. Antoninus Church and School** is looking for a custodian. For information, go to [www.saintantoninus.org](http://www.saintantoninus.org), and look for **Part-Time Custodian Wanted**. All interested candidates should send a resume either by email at [reid@saintantoninus.org](mailto:reid@saintantoninus.org), or mail to 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238, or fax to 513-922-5401.

**2017 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES FOR 25,40,50,60,65,70,75 YEAR** anniversaries may be requested from the Archdiocese by calling the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 421-3131, ext. 2653. Or, e-mail your request to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/). **Also, please call the rectory office at 922-5400 ext. 2 to give us your wedding anniversary date.**

## **KROGER PLUS CARD**

If you are new to the Kroger Plus Card program, please sign up at [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com). **Go to Account Registration and fill in all your information. Saint Antoninus' number is 80164.** If you are already a member of the Kroger Plus Card program, you do not need to renew this year. If you need to update your personal information, please follow the same instructions as above. Your support to St. Antoninus Parish is very much appreciated.



**GOING ON VACATION?** Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory giving. Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish. **To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at [www.saintantoninus.org](http://www.saintantoninus.org), click About Us, then click Giving, click on the Our Sunday Visitor button, then click the green Create New Account button.** You must set yourself

up with your information, including your envelope number. Look on your envelopes, or call the rectory office, for your number. You then have choices of recurring donations or one time donations. If you want this service but do not have a computer, or if you have any questions, please call Beth at the rectory office at 922-5400, x 2.

**NOTE:** If your credit card company is changing, please update your account with your new credit card number, so your gift giving is not interrupted.



## **ST. ANTONINUS NETWORK OF CARE**

As we go through life's stages, sometimes we are in a position to help others, while at other times, we are in need of help. A network of volunteers is prepared to serve the St. Antoninus Parish Family by providing a meal after hospitalization, surgery or medical treatments; transportation to medical treatments or to Mass; prayer for the intentions on the St. Antoninus Prayer Chain; and A Listening Ear to parishioners facing difficulties. For more information, please leave a message on the [Network of Care Phone Line at 922-5400, ext. 8](tel:922-5400), and someone will return your call.

## **TRAVELING CHALICE**



Now, more than ever, PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray, either as a family or alone, for the intentions of our Holy Church, for Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Traveling Chalice.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD with Kathy O'Connor**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a:** The two books of Kings form a unit, the fourth part of a group consisting of the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings. First Kings begins with the life and person of Solomon, David's successor. It then goes on to give the history of the two kingdoms that came into being after Solomon's death: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. In 2 Kings, the history of the kingdoms continues from the times of Elisha, up to the disappearance of the Northern Kingdom, and from then on up to the time the king of Judah and the more prominent citizens of Jerusalem were deported to Babylon. Our passage for Mass this weekend is part of the story of the prophet Elisha and the Shunamite woman. In this passage, Elisha is an itinerant prophet who, on his journey, has been shown kindness from a childless woman and her husband. They welcome him into their home and care for him there. The woman was quite perceptive and believed Elisha to be a holy man of God. Elisha was grateful to her and wished to repay her. The woman requested nothing for her kindness. Elisha, observing her childlessness, promises her that by the same time next year, she would have a son.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3; 16-17, 18-19 (2a):** The responsorial psalm for this weekend begins with proclaiming the faithfulness and steadfast love of God. The promises mentioned by the psalmist refer to God's covenant with David. It goes on to describe the power and steadfast love of God and Israel's good fortune to have Him as its protector.

**Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11:** This passage of St. Paul's letter to the Romans reveals key truths concerning Baptism, reminding us of the profound meaning of this rite which Christ established, its spiritual effects in Christians and its far-reaching effects with respect to the Christian life. Baptism is a new birth into a new life which presupposes a symbolic death (death to sin). The new life is the life of grace, which pours into the soul, enabling the person to share in the resurrection of Christ. Jesus Christ chose to bear all the consequences of sin even though He was sinless. His voluntary death on the cross and His glorious resurrection broke the bonds of death for Himself and for all His own.

**Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42:** Our Gospel passage for Mass this weekend finds Jesus teaching the Twelve the meaning of discipleship before sending them out on their mission. Our passage consists of two parts. In the first Jesus tells the twelve about the challenging demands of discipleship, then He announces, *not* the rewards that will be given to them, but the rewards that will be given to those who welcome them, a reflection of the first reading. To encourage the apostles and to persuade others to receive them, Jesus affirms that there is an intimate solidarity, or even a kind of identity, between Himself and His disciples. God in Christ, Christ in the apostles: this is the bridge between heaven and earth. A prophet's mission is not essentially one of announcing future events; the main role is that of communicating the word of God. In verses 41-42, Jesus tells us that everyone who humbly listens to and welcomes prophets and righteous men and women, recognizing God in them, will receive the reward of a prophet and righteous person. The very fact of generously receiving God's friends will gain one the reward they obtain. Similarly, if we should see God in the least of His disciples (verse 42), *even if they do not seem important*, they **are** important, because they are envoys of God and His Son. That is why he who shows receptivity and courtesy to a disciple will receive a reward, for he has shown generosity to our Lord Himself.

**Reflection:** The first reading illustrated for us the reward given someone who welcomes a prophet, because he is a prophet. We see this theme again in the Gospel. Jesus promises rewards for those who acknowledge and welcome an apostle. Because disciples belong to Jesus, those who welcome them, in fact, welcome Jesus Himself. All who welcome prophets and righteous persons will receive the reward of a prophet and righteous one. Does this only pertain to the Twelve and the prophets of the Old Testament? No, it does, in fact, pertain to us. How then can we, the evangelists of our day, bring others to Christ? We can express our faith in our interactions with others not only in words, but in the living of a Christian life. St. Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us that we are to walk in the newness of life that comes from being "baptized into Jesus Christ." Perhaps, we can pray that our lives can reflect Christ's goodness and truth to others. We can also pray that we will treat each person we encounter with compassion.

**SAINT ANTONINUS PARISH CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC**  
**STRICKER'S GROVE, 11490 HAMILTON-CLEVES RD. HAMILTON OHIO 45013**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 21**

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 16 YEARS AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**  
**BRING YOUR OWN DINNER.**

**LIQUOR/ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE PARK.**  
**CONCESSION ITEMS AND SOFT DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

**BEER IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE FOR ADULTS OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE.**

**ALL MIDWAY RIDES AND ROLLER COASTERS ARE FREE.**

**Gate opens at 5PM. Rides start at 6PM until 10PM.**

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

In today's Gospel, hear Jesus tell us: *"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."* **This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

### **HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

Due to the Independence Day Holiday this Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Spirit Prayer Group will cancel its regular Tuesday evening meeting. Instead, we will join the parish in celebrating the conclusion of the Fortnight for Freedom at the 8 AM Mass that day, to pray for Religious Liberty in the USA and throughout the world.

**2<sup>nd</sup> sign STUDY group will meet at 8:45am – 10:15am in the Undercroft's Holy Family Room on July 8<sup>th</sup>.** To further our March discussion on HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILDREN (or anyone) BACK TO THE FAITH, we will listen to an audio from [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org): *"The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith"* from Trent Horn and Catholic Answers. Questions? Call Monica at 513-451-3575, or DJ at 513-451-0595.

**ADULT SOCIAL GROUP** luncheon only will be on **Monday, July 10.** RSVP to Bob Brown at 451-4842. Send \$12 per person for the lunch to the rectory office by Wednesday, July 5th.

**SAINT ANTONINUS WIDOWS** next lunch will be at Diane's , Anderson Ferry Road, at 12:30PM on **Tuesday, July 11.** Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before July 4 to Carol Niederhausen at 451-4491.

**2017 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** will be offered on **August 12, 2017, at 4:30PM, in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.** If you wish to attend the Mass, and received an anniversary certificate, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 421-3131, ext. 2653. Or, e-mail your request to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/).

### **DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI**

**VIRTUS** MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANTONINUS, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, at **7PM on July 25, August 23, September 13 and October 9.**

**ALL EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE VIRTUS TRAINING MEETING. YOU MAY ATTEND HERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT: www.virtus.org.**

MAKE SURE THAT THE "USER'S LOCATION" YOU CHOOSE DURING REGISTRATION IS ST. ANTONINUS – EVEN IF YOU ATTEND VIRTUS AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIRTUS USER- ID AND YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THEM MONTHLY.

Volunteers (unless you coach high school students) are no longer required to get fingerprinted. Instead, volunteers are required to complete an on-line background check.

If you wish to pay for the on-line background check yourself, you can complete it as a part of the VIRTUS registration. If you volunteer at St. Antoninus and would like a pre-paid code to pay for the background check, contact Deacon Bob Schroeder before you register for VIRTUS, or do not complete the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Contact Deacon Bob Schroeder at: [schroeder@saintantoninus.org](mailto:schroeder@saintantoninus.org). He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use, code to you via e-mail. The code will work only for those who have St. Antoninus as their primary user location on their VIRTUS account. If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. E-mail Deacon Bob at the address above, and he will send directions to you.



**School kits are still available to be ordered for the 2017/2018 school year.**  
**To place an order go to: [www.cardinalkits.com](http://www.cardinalkits.com).**

## **Our First, Most Cherished Liberty    A statement on Religious Liberty**

We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith, which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty, which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should, instead, be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together.

Freedom is not only for Americans, but we think of it as something of our special inheritance, fought for at a great price, and a heritage to be guarded now. We are stewards of this gift, not only for ourselves but for all nations and peoples who yearn to be free. Catholics in America have discharged this duty of guarding freedom admirably for many generations.

Our nation's founders embraced freedom of religion as an essential condition of a free and democratic society. James Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, described conscience as "the most sacred of all property." He wrote that "the Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate." George Washington wrote that "the establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive that induced me to the field of battle." Thomas Jefferson assured the Ursuline Sisters—who had been serving a mostly non-Catholic population by running a hospital, an orphanage, and schools in Louisiana since 1727—that the principles of the Constitution were a "sure guarantee" that their ministry would be free "to govern itself according to its own voluntary rules, without interference from the civil authority."

It is, therefore, fitting that when the Bill of Rights was ratified, religious freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. Religious liberty is indeed the first liberty. The First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Recently, in a unanimous Supreme Court judgment affirming the importance of that first freedom, the Chief Justice of the United States explained that religious liberty is not just the first freedom for Americans; rather, it is the first in the history of democratic freedom, tracing its origins back to the first clauses of the Magna Carta of 1215.

That is our American heritage, our most cherished freedom. It is the first freedom, because if we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile. If citizens are not free in their own consciences, how can they be free in relation to others or to the state? If our obligations and duties to God are impeded, or even worse, contradicted by the government, then we can no longer claim to be a land of the free and a beacon of hope for the world.

This above information contains excerpts from materials published by the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The full articles and more resources are available at [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom)

You are invited to participate in this year's Fortnight for Freedom in four ways:

1. Pray daily the [Prayer for Religious Liberty](#) (see text below).
2. Join in whenever you can to pray the Rosary for our country, which takes place every evening at 7:30PM in the Chapel.
3. Join us for the 8AM Mass on July 4, 2017.
4. Learn more about Catholic teaching on religious liberty and other topics at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org), and [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org).

### **PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

*Almighty God, Father of all nations, For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).*

*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.*

*Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace, may we have the courage to defend them for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*