

MONDAY, MAY 8

8:00AM MASS Dave Dengler—Carol

TUESDAY, MAY 9

6:45AM MASS Laurie Anderson—Bd. Rem.— Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 St. Damien de Veuster

8:00AM MASS Gary Gramann—Family

THURSDAY, MAY 11

6:45AM MASS Tom Ramsey—Wedd. Anniv. Rem.—
Mary

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 Saint Nereus, Achilleus and
Pancras**

8:00AM MASS Ray Reed—Nancie Woessner

SATURDAY, MAY 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00AM Communion Service

4:00PM Rosary

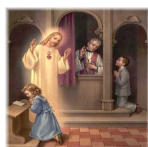
4:30PM MASS Intentions of Celebrant

SUNDAY, MAY 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM MASS Mary Jane Fangmann— Anniv. Rem.—
Family

9:30AM MASS Thomas Shields—Anniv. Rem.—
Family

11:30AM MASS Leslie Lamps—Anniv. Rem.— Family



C O N F E S S I O N S

Thursday, May 11, 7:30-8PM
Saturday, May 13, 3:00-4:00PM

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.



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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, 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, or you may mail request to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

SERVERS May 8-12, 2017

Monday & Friday, 8AM Mass
Tuesday & Thursday 6:45AM Mass
Eden Oaks Morgan McBride
Wednesday, 8:00AM Mass
Adult Server

SERVERS May 13 & 14, 2017

4:30PM
8:00AM Adult Server
9:30AM
11:30AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS May 13 & 14, 2017

4:30PM Bev Meyer, Abby Kock, Emma Foster, Liz & Mike Rolfes
8:00AM Norb & Linda Guetle, Larry & Diane Reiring
9:30AM Anna Bonavita, Matthew Kock, Molly Kock, Megan Kock, Mary Ann & Julie Baverman, Mary & Tom Freudiger, Carly Hawk, Vince & Mary Feldman
11:30AM Sandy Gerhardt, Barb Kitchen, Jacob Holmes, Jenee & Megan Ferguson, Tom Fleming, Kate Hein, Patty Hetzer, Laura Jetter, Joe Reinstatler, Cathey McDonald

LECTORS May 13 & 14, 2017

4:30PM	E. Willig	G. Willig
8:00AM	M. Kiely	M. Braunstein
9:30AM	D. Burger	D. Jaeger
11:30AM	J. Reinstatler	B. Mathews

THINGS I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD

This weekend, our Second Grade school and PREP students will be receiving their First Holy Communion. First Communion is a special day and a special time in the life of both the candidate and the Church. The reception of Holy Communion is a very important part of the life of a Catholic. When we receive Holy Communion, we are not receiving merely a symbol, we are receiving the actual Body and Blood of Our Lord who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Sacrifice of the Mass, during the Eucharistic Prayer, bread and wine, once consecrated by the priest, is transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord in its very essence, in its core reality. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we must always do so in the state of grace, meaning, that if we are conscious of grave sin, we should not receive, until we have had the opportunity to go to confession and receive absolution for our sins. When we approach to receive Our Lord, we are called to do so with great reverence, showing a sign of our reverence and respect by making a bow of the head before Our Lord in the Eucharist just before we receive Him. It is also very important to respond to the prayer of the minister when he or she prays "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ" with our "Amen." When we pray our response, we are stating two things. First, that we believe that the Most Holy Eucharist is the true and real presence of Our Lord, and second, that we, in receiving Him, are fully in communion, are fully members of, the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. The Holy Eucharist is such a tremendous gift to us from our Lord. May we always cherish this gift and the true and real presence of Jesus Christ who is always with us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Take Good Care,
Fr. Bryan



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday", where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us, and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By placing your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the "poor boxes" at the entrances of the church, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters in our St. Antoninus neighborhoods.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

For week ending April 30, 2017

Sunday Collections	\$13,764.93
Easter	\$ 475.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 23.00
School Parish Support	\$ 290.00
Maintenance	\$ 31.00
Holy Days/Special	\$ 1,977.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish and school. Please remember Saint Antoninus in your will. Gifts of stock can also be made to St. Antoninus Church. If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make your contributions to Parish School Support and have those contributions matched by your company.

KROGER PLUS CARD

If you are new to the Kroger Plus Card program, please sign up at 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 change any information, unless you are updating your personal information, please follow the same instructions. Your support to St. Antoninus Parish is very much appreciated.



By using online giving, you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. **To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at 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.

A message from Father Bryan

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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD with Kathy O'Connor FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41: During His life on earth, Jesus had often presented Himself as the Messiah and Son of God. His resurrection and ascension into heaven reveal Him as such to the people at large. In Peter's address, we can see an outline of the content of the apostolic proclamation, the content of Christian preaching, the object of faith. This proclamation bears witness to Jesus' death, resurrection and subsequent exaltation. It also recalls the main points of Jesus' mission, announced by John the Baptist, confirmed by miracles, and brought to fulfillment by the appearances of the risen Lord and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It declares that the messianic time predicted by the prophets has arrived, and calls all men to conversion in preparation for the Parousia, or second coming of Christ in glory. St. Peter's words, boldly proclaimed, were the instrument used by God's grace to move the hearts of his listeners. His audience is so impressed that they ask, in all simplicity, what they should do. St. Peter exhorts them to repent and be converted. He calls for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus, and to receive the Holy Spirit just as our new Catholics Megan, Bella, and Kurt did at the Easter Vigil. The promise of the Holy Spirit applies to both Jews and Gentiles. The "crooked generation" to which St. Peter refers is not only that part of the Jewish people who rejected Christ and His teaching, but everyone who is estranged from God. At the end of this passage, the author of Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke, tells us that "about three thousand souls" became Christians as a result of St. Peter's address.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6(1): Our responsorial psalm today is the well-known and loved 23rd psalm. It is a psalm of David which proclaims the nearness of God. The psalm is built around two metaphors: the Lord as shepherd (verses 1-4) and the Lord as host (verses 5-6). In the ancient East and in the Old Testament, the shepherd was used as a metaphor for the king and for God as protector and judge of His people. What makes this psalm special is the very personal note, "The Lord is **my** shepherd" and that the fact that by spelling out the actions of a shepherd, it describes God's relationship with someone who seeks righteousness, holiness, and, in this case, the author of the psalm,

King David, the anointed king. The sense of security the Lord gives, even in the midst of affliction, allows the speaker to address Him directly and the protection that He gives. After acknowledging the Lord's protection, the psalm now thanks Him for His benefits: He has made the psalmist His guest, and anointed him and filled him with good things. The speaker goes on to tell God how confident he feels that he will go on enjoying the benefits of the Covenant (goodness and mercy), and will continue to visit the temple for a long time to come. In the light of Jesus' description of Himself as the Good Shepherd, all who believe in Him and in His work of redemption can adopt the psalm's words and feelings.

Reading II: 1Peter 2:20b-25: Our second reading for Mass this weekend addresses Christians undergoing unnamed sufferings. Sufferings are harsh, but God is pleased when they put up with unfairness for His sake. In doing so, they are imitating the example of Jesus in His suffering. Verses 21-25 is a beautiful hymn to Christ on the cross. Christ's sufferings, which fulfill the prophecies about the suffering Servant in the Book of Isaiah, have not been in vain, for they have a redemptive value. The example of the suffering Christ is always a necessary reference point for Christians: however great the trials they experience, the example of Jesus' suffering gives strength in adversity. In verse 25, we read about the scattered flock. St. Peter himself was the shepherd to whom Jesus had given charge of His flock. Our Lord founded the Church as a sheepfold whose sheep, although watched over by human shepherds are nevertheless at all times led and brought to pasture by Christ Himself, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep.

Gospel: John 10:1-10: This speech takes place right after Jesus cured the man born blind, when the man defends Jesus as the Messiah in front of the threatening Pharisees. Israel had long been a shepherding people, and none of those details would have been lost on Jesus' listeners. Israel's greatest king was a shepherd (David), and it is one of the favorite images of God in the psalms and prophets. In addition to the title of Good Shepherd, Jesus applies to *Continued on next page.*

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Himself the image of the door into the sheepfold of the Church. By assuming this identity, Jesus asserts both our need for His guidance and care, as well as His great willingness to provide it. Let's look at the sheep and the sheepfold a little more in depth. A flock of sheep needs both protection and nourishment. The corral or sheepfold provides the protection, and the fields provide the food and water. Without the corral, they are vulnerable to attack (sheep are famously bad at self-defense) and without the pasture, they starve. When Jesus calls Himself the "gate" for the sheep, He is claiming to provide us with everything we need, both the sheepfold and the pasture. Sheep also have a tendency to wander away from the flock which places the sheep in danger. Shepherds often sleep at night in the opening of the sheepfold or corral. In so doing, the shepherds scare away the wolves, and keep the sheep together. The sheep have no desire to step over the shepherd to escape, since they recognize him as a sign of security. When day finally dawns, the shepherd will rise and lead his sheep out to pasture. Thus, the gate, the door to the sheep pen, symbolizes the complete attention and care given by a good shepherd. Jesus chooses this image to teach us what he wants to be for each of us: everything.

Reflection: Jesus wants us to know who He is: the Good Shepherd who protects and cares for the people of God just as a shepherd does his sheep. He does not claim to be one among many, but the only one. Some religious leaders and philosophers throughout history have claimed to be saviors, claimed to have all of the answers, but were really powered by pride or lust. Other leaders promise to provide a better way; life in which we are our own judges, and we will determine what is right and wrong for us. But, these other would be "shepherds" simply cannot provide the human family with the kind of hope we long for and need. Their power and wisdom is limited, and in the end, they are just like the wolves, waiting to pounce just outside the sheepfold. Jesus, on the other hand, not only wants to give us abundant life, but He can. Omniscient, omnipotent, and eternal, He combines utter goodness with unlimited wisdom and power. With His flock, the problem is not the shepherd's powerlessness or ignorance, but the sheep's lack of docility: we stray easily from the flock and trap ourselves in thistles and swamps. The parable of the Good Shepherd is one of faith. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice, and they follow him. As Christians, we have the perfect Shepherd; now all we need is to be sensible sheep, and listen to the voice of the One we know. Do you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? The Good Shepherd calls each of us by name. Let's pray for the grace to listen to His voice in our daily lives.

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

On **May 8**, the Communion service will be at 12:30PM in the chapel. Lunch will be served in the undercroft at 1PM. \$9.00 per person is due by Wednesday, May 3, to the rectory office. Call Bob Brown at 451-4842 to RSVP.

SECOND SIGNS STUDY GROUP

Saturday, May 13th at 8:45am: To honor Our Lady of Fatima on her feast day and the 100 year anniversary of Apparitions, there we will: pray for a plenary indulgence in the chapel at OLF statue, then, go to the Holy Family room for a discussion/powerpoint presentation on the Rosary. Suggested: on www.formed.org – movies: "Finding Fatima", "The 13th Day", or "Prayer: a surge of the heart", or Audio, "Praying the Rosary like never before", etc. FREE rosary's and CD's with the rosary, divine mercy chaplet and information from the Mary Foundation will be provided.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANTONINUS, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: **May 16 and June 12.**

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. 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.

ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS luncheon at Ron's Roost, 3853 Race Road, at 12:30PM on **Thursday, May 18**. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before May 16 to Joan Friedmann at 574-3388.

Men's Holy Name Meeting, Saturday May 13th, 6:30am-8am. May 13th is the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's First Apparition. Our Men's Holy Name Society will honor Our Lady of Fatima at our May 13th Meeting. Mark Braunstein, who leads our parish Fatima Prayer Group, will speak on "*The Story of Fatima and How It Applies to Us Today*". Matt Bonhaus will lead our meeting. We gather in the Undercroft, 6:30am for Coffee and Donuts, and 7am to 8am for our Meeting. All men are welcome to join us for this inspirational meeting. Our Lady of Fatima's message, "Say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world, and end the war", is as relevant in 2017 as in 1917. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. ANTONINUS FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

The link to Blue Sombrero is <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=298914>. Any questions can be sent to ike_kirch@cinfin.com, or 284-9295.

ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER FESTIVAL, JUNE 9,10,11

Many **volunteers** are needed to make this year a success. This event is the Athletic Club's major fundraiser, and we are asking for your participation. Please reach out to one of the coordinators if you are interested in working.

THANK YOU!!! Coordinators: Jill McDonald, bakermcdonald@fuse.net, (347-0215), and Pam Faeth, faeth.po@pg.com, (658-7416).

The Athletic Club is hosting the Spring Bid N Buy Gift Gathering Party for the St. Antoninus Festival on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 6 – 9 PM at the Schott Field Memorial Patio. Brats, metts and hot dogs provided. Bring your cooler with drinks for your family and a side or desert to share. We will also have spirit wear and forms available to purchase engraved patio bricks.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is a wonderful marriage preparation weekend that fulfills your Pre-Cana requirements for getting married in the Catholic Church. **May 19-21**, June. 10-11, Sept. 16-17, & Oct. 6-8. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Altenau at 479-1700. To register, e-mail www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 250 LOTTO WINNERS Donna Vitt our \$200 winner and Jack Reidel our \$50 winner. You can still enter the drawing. Look for the tickets on the greeting room shelf, or call the rectory office.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima once each month from May through October. This Tuesday evening, we will consider why the site of Fatima was chosen, be introduced to the three children to whom Mary appeared, learn how the Angel of Peace prepared them for Mary's appearances, and learn about what took place when Mary appeared to the children on May 13, 1917. We will conclude by saying a Rosary for world peace and in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us in the Chapel on Tuesday at 7 PM. All are welcome.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to dedicate the placing of flowers for one week at the altar in memory of a loved one, or to honor a person or special occasion, please send \$50 (check made out to Saint Antoninus Church, with Altar Flowers in the memo line) to the rectory office with your name, phone number and the week you would like to reserve. More than one family may reserve the same week. There will be no flower arrangements during the Advent and Lent seasons. If you have questions, call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400, x 3.

May 6 –May 13, 2017

**In Memory of Joe Beyersdorfer
From Carol Beyersdorfer**

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. Thank you to Mary Lynne Rapien for taking the Traveling Chalice into her home.



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, and someone will return your call.