



## A Church on the Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, “At times we lose people because they don’t understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people.”

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply “pray, pay, and obey.” ●

### Reflect

*What have you found in the Church and what more do you long for?*



[Jesus said,] “Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.”

MATTHEW 23:3

# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

**Rev. William Pifher**

419-446-9288



## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



## OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday and Thursday

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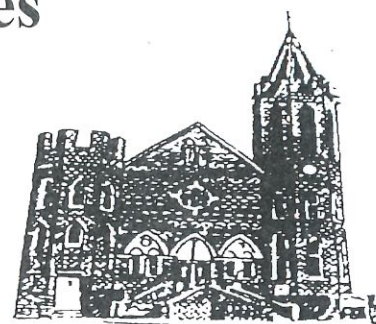
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### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office six months ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA :** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

### BFF BREAKFAST TODAY

Please come and join us after Mass for Breakfast, Fellowship and Friends. On today's menu will be Toasted Sausage, egg & cheese sandwich, egg casserole, muffins, & other goodies. Free Will Offering (Altar Rosary Fundraiser).

### NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector's, please pick up your new Workbook in the back of church.

### NIGHT OF HEALING

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting A Night of Healing with the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Toledo. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7 p.m. Please join us for a night of Worship, Healing, Adoration, Witness, Prayer and Reconciliation. Please use the cards on the back table and pass along to all who are in need of healing.

### VOTE

Please VOTE on November 7, 2023.

### PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

### Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

**Nov. 5** – Bring prayer back into your family life and you will experience unity – and a joyful love that will bind you together. Maybe there is suffering in your family, but praying together, sharing together, loving together will help you.

**Nov. 6** - No one can take my faith from me. If in order to spread the love of Jesus among the poor and neglected, there were no alternative but to remain in a country that despises Christianity, I would remain. But I would not renounce my faith. I am prepared to give up my life, but never my faith.

**Nov. 7** – Young people are full of love and strength, do not waste your energy on useless things. Look around and you will see your bother and your sister, not only here in the United States, not only in your city or your area, but around the world. Everywhere there are human beings who are hungry, they look to you. There are so many who have nothing to wear and nowhere to love, and they look hopefully to you. Don't turn your back on the poor, because the poor are Christ.

**Nov. 8**- Let us keep the joy of loving Jesus in our hearts. And let us share that joy with everyone we meet. Passing on joy is something which is very natural. We have no reason for not being joyful, since Jesus is with us. Jesus is in our hearts. Jesus is in the poor we meet. Jesus is in the smile we give to others, and He is in the smile we receive from others.

**Nov. 9** – Each one of us is here today because we have been loved by God who created us, and by our parents who cared enough to give us life. Life is the most beautiful gift of God. That is why it is so painful to see what is happening today in so many places around the world; life being deliberately destroyed by war and every type of violence.

**Nov. 10** – I do not understand why some people are saying that women and men are exactly the same, and are denying the beautiful differences between men and women, All God's gifts are good, but they are not all the same.

**Nov. 11**– Loving trust and total surrender made Mary say "yes" to the message of the angel. And cheerfulness made her run in haste to serve her cousin Elizabeth. That is so much our life: saying "yes" to Jesus and running in haste to serve Him in the poorest of the poor. Let us keep very close to Our Lady and she will make the same spirit grow in each one of us.

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Nov. 18 – Opera House – Pickin' Roots 7 pm - \$15 GA, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students (operahouse-fayette.org or on Facebook)

---Nov. 21 – Community Thanksgiving Meal – 5 – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)



**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto:vanzilejn@hotmail.com) or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163. Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.**

# Night of Healing

Worship Healing

Adoration Witness

Prayer

Reconciliation

[www.mccrholyspirit.com](http://www.mccrholyspirit.com)

Our Lady of Mercy  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

*Vote this Tuesday!*



PROTECT

*Women.*

PROTECT

*Families.*

PROTECT

*Children.*



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Scan to find out where you can vote and to learn more about Issue 1.

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## Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of November 4/5

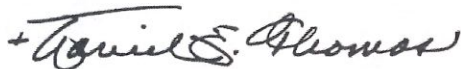
Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

On Tuesday, Ohioans will vote on Issue 1. At this late hour, I come with a final word of encouragement and support that we might be able to say we've done everything possible to protect women, to protect parental rights, and to protect Ohio babies. With your help, we can defeat Issue 1. We must all go to the polls and motivate our family, friends and neighbors to do so as well. **I urge you to exercise your civic duty to vote, and I urge you to fulfill your moral duty to vote NO on Issue 1.** To be Catholic is to be Pro-Life, from conception to natural death. The amendment on which we are being asked to vote is nothing short of evil.

In the end, the most powerful weapon we have against evil is prayer, and the most powerful prayer we have is Holy Mass! Please join me on Monday, November 6, at 12:05 pm in St. Francis de Sales Church in downtown Toledo, as I offer Mass that hearts and minds may be converted and that Issue 1 might be defeated. I would be so grateful if a group from each parish could attend, and if you cannot attend in person, please join us in spirit and in prayer at that time.

May the Lord of life keep us faithful and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "+ Daniel E. Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo

# Saints of the Day ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of November 5 – November 11

**Sunday, Nov. 5– St. Elizabeth of the Visitation** - St. Elizabeth of the Visitation (1st c.) was the wife of Zachary, a temple priest, and the cousin and close companion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one whom Our Lady visited in haste after the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel had told Mary that Elizabeth was expecting a miraculous child in her old age. Upon hearing Mary's voice, who was then carrying the Son of God in her womb, Elizabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was with Elizabeth that Mary first shared the joy of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. St. Elizabeth gave birth to St. John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. St. Elizabeth is described in the Gospel of Luke as "righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly." St. Elizabeth shares a feast day with her husband, Zachary, on November 5th.

**Monday, Nov. 6 –St. Leonard of Noblac** - St. Leonard of Noblac (d. 559 A.D.) also known as St. Leonard of Limoges, was a French nobleman in the court of Clovis I, King of France. He was converted to the Christian faith, along with the King, by St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims. After his conversion he abandoned his worldly pursuits, left the royal court, and followed St. Remigius as a disciple. He obtained special permission from the king to release any prisoners whom he deemed worthy of pardon. He declined an offer of a bishopric and entered the monastery at Orleans to live a life of prayer and penance. Desiring greater solitude and penance than what the monastery allowed, he withdrew into a forest to live as a hermit. He built a small cell and lived on herbs and fruits. He soon attracted followers who joined him in his ascetic life. In thanksgiving for his prayers that the Queen of France would safely deliver her child, St. Leonard was given a large tract of royal land in Noblac. There the saint built an abbey where he served as abbot until his death. A village grew around the abbey that still exists today, named Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat. Numerous shrines are dedicated to St. Leonard across Europe, and thousands of miracles are credited to his intercession. He is the patron saint of prisoners and women in labor. His feast day is November 6th.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7– All Dominican Saints** - November 7th is the Feast of All Saints of the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans. Founded by a Spaniard, St. Dominic de Guzman, in France in the early 13th century, the order has 14 canonized saints and 215 beatified among its mendicant friars, cloistered nuns, active sisters, lay members, and fraternities. The special charism of the Dominican order is to study and preach for the salvation of souls. Over the centuries, the unnamed Dominican martyrs are counted in the tens of thousands, including many among the Martyrs of Nagasaki and the Martyrs of Vietnam. Some of the most famous Dominican saints include St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin de Porres, Pope St. Pius V, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Hyacinth, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Albert the Great, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Catherine de Ricci, St. Margaret of Hungary, St. Peter Martyr, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

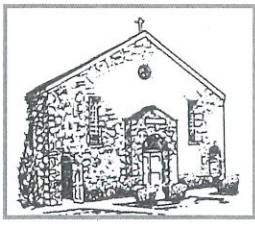
**Wednesday, Nov. 8– St. Elizabeth of the Trinity** - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was born on July 18, 1880 in Cher, France. Her father died when she was only 7 years old her family moved to Dijon France. Very close to her house was a Carmelite monastery and she greatly desired to enter the religious life. At 17 years old she visited the monastery, and while there, the mother superior gave her a newly published letter about Therese of Lisieux, who had just recently passed away. As a result, Elizabeth was greatly inspired in her contemplative life. She continued working with the sick and teaching catechism to the youth until she was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of 21. She lived a life of prayer and sacrifice, suffering greatly from sickness. She died on November 9, 1906 and was canonized by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016.

**Thursday, Nov. 9 – St. Benignus** - St. Benignus of Armagh (d. 467 A.D.) was the son of a pagan Irish chieftain in what is now County Meath in Ireland. He was baptized by St. Patrick and became his loyal follower in the saint's ministry across Ireland. In 450 A.D. Benignus became coadjutor with St. Patrick in the Diocese of Armagh, and also became the first rector of the Catholic school there. St. Benignus was a talented singer and worked to form choral groups wherever they traveled for their missionary work; for this he was called "Patrick's Psalmist." He also assisted with the compilation of the Senchus Mor, the Irish Code of Law, and sat on a number of commissions, councils, and synods that helped further establish the Catholic faith across Ireland. His feast day is November 9th.

**Friday, Nov. 10– Pope St. Leo the Great** - Pope St. Leo the Great (c. 400–461 A.D.) was born in Tuscany to an aristocratic family. After serving as deacon under two popes he became the Roman Pontiff from 440 to 461 A.D. He was one of the greatest Holy Fathers the Church has known; he was the first pope, and one of only two, to bear the title “Great.” He guided the Church through the turbulence of the collapse of the Roman empire, waves of barbarian invasions, widespread disintegration of morality, and many dangerous heresies including Pelagianism and Manichaeism. His feats include persuading the Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome; preventing a doctrinal split in the Eastern churches; persuading Attila the Hun to turn back and forsake his invasion of Italy; and convincing the Vandals under their leader Genseric not to pillage the city of Rome or harm its inhabitants. He championed the Church and the Catholic faith in an uncertain era by maintaining unity, defending orthodox doctrine with clarity, and preaching vigorously against false teaching. By his strong influence he changed the course of European history; he was known not only as a leader of the Church but also as the protector of all of Rome. Pronounced a Doctor of the Church in 1754, many of his writings survive today. St. Leo the Great's feast day is November 10th.

**Saturday, Nov. 11– St. Martin of Tours** - St. Martin of Tours (c. 316-397 A.D.) was born into a pagan family in what is now Hungary. He was raised in Italy where his father, a senior officer in the Roman army, was stationed. At the age of ten Martin joined the Church as a catechumen soon after Christianity was legalized across the Roman Empire. Taking after his father, he joined the cavalry at the age of fifteen and was stationed in Gaul. At one point during his time of service he encountered a poor beggar who lacked adequate clothing on a cold winter day. St. Martin took his sword and cut his heavy woolen officer cloak in half, and gave the other half to the beggar. Following this act of charity, St. Martin had a vision in which he saw Jesus wearing the portion of his cloak he gave to the beggar, while telling the angels that it was Martin who had clothed him. After this vision Martin sought baptism, at the age of eighteen, and proclaimed himself a soldier for Christ. He left the military and adopted the penitential life of a hermit, attracting followers which eventually resulted in the founding of a monastery. St. Martin gained a reputation for holiness and performing miracles so that, when the bishop of Tours died, the people demanded that Martin take his place. As bishop he continued his austere life, took great care to train holy priests, destroyed pagan worship sites, and worked to spread Christianity throughout his diocese. St. Martin of Tours is the patron saint of cavalry, soldiers, innkeepers, horses and riders, beggars, and those in need. His feast day is November 11th.





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Nov. 5	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
	10:30 am	SP	Mary Grime Ronnie Ruffer
Tues. Nov. 7	7 p.m.	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend
Wed. Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Nov. 9	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Nov. 10	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Nov. 11	8:30a.m.	SP	No Mass
	4:30p.m.	SP	Dick Roth, Pat & Juanita Arend
Sun. Nov. 12	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin, Ron Lichtenwald Deceased & Living Sarnac family
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Nov. 8 –Religious Ed – H.S. & Elem.
- Nov. 12 – Altar Rosary Meeting after Mass
- Nov. 15 – Night of Healing with MCCR, Diocese of Toledo – at Our Lady of Mercy, 7 p.m.

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 29, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (9 envelopes)           \$ 481.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS                                 \$ 67.00

**BUDGET**   **\$ 1,747.00**  
 Over/(Under)   **(\$ 1,199.00)**

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**  
 St. Vincent de Paul                             \$ 15.00  
 CPC Jar   \$ 7.00  
 Youth Breakfast                                 \$ 277.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTION**                             **\$ 847.00**

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

**November 12, 2023**

Reader	Anita Van Zile
Servers	Evan Beauregard Kruetz Lichtenwald
Greeters/ Gifts	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
Ushers	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Jerry Van Zile Michelle Miron

**Word(s) of the week** (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

PRACTICE – carry out, apply

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”  
**Matthew 23:12**

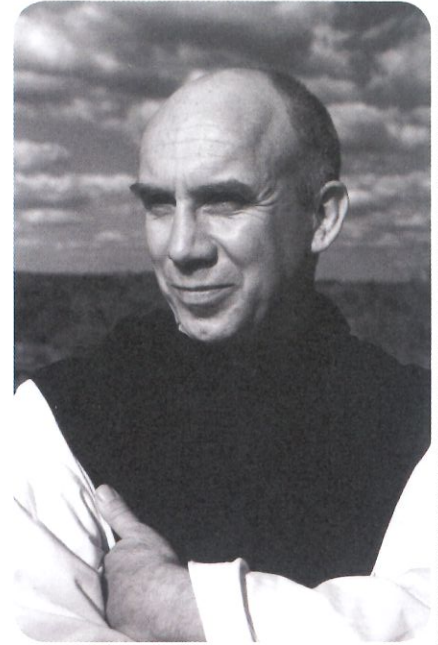
# Dear Padre,

*I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?*

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org). *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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## DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14	November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 12:5-16ab Lk 14:15-24	November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	November 9 <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c- 11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22	November 10 <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8	November 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15	November 12 <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?*

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013