

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27

The Wisdom Channel

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●

Reflect

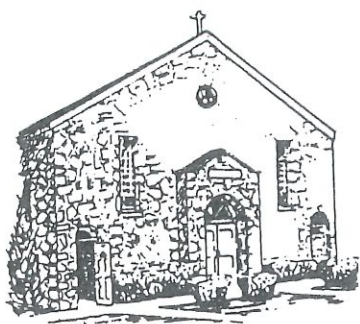
**What items are on my wisdom list?
How or from whom did I learn them?**

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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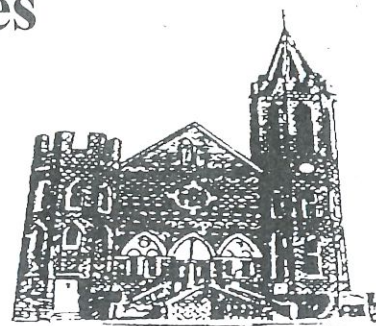
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday, Noon**. Please either call, email at OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

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

PRAYERS FOR SOULS

May God Bless the souls who gave their lives for our freedom. Amen



THE CHOSEN

Season 1 episode 6 "Indescribable Compassion" will be viewed on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7 p.m. Please bring a comfy chair, beverage (non adult) and a friend. Snacks will be provided .

ROSARY – MAY MARY'S MONTH

Please join us for the Rosary that will prayed on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. – "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war." - Our Lady of Fatima

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar Rosary Society will meet on June 1, 2025 after Mass in the basement

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

We will be cleaning up the garden on June 7, 2025 from 9 a.m. – noon. In event of rain we will re schedule.

SILENT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Silent festival committee will meet on Sunday, June 8, 2025 after Mass in the basement.

ASK HER - SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that life is fleeting. Choose joy!"

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 3

1109+ 30. This is the day for the renewal of vows.

Immediately upon my awakening, God's presence enveloped me, and I felt I was a child of God. Divine love was poured into my soul, and God gave me to see how everything depended on His will. He spoke these words to me: **I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy.** Then He said to me, **My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. Your humility draws Me down from My lofty throne, and I unite Myself closely with you.**

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY NEWS

---Saturdays until Sept. 27 2025 –
Fayette Farmers Market 9 a.m. –
Noon @ Opera House parking lot

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

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

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.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve: to thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping in
this valley of tears. Turn then, most
gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy
toward us, and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O
sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of May 25 – May 31

Sunday, May 25 – St. Bede - St. Bede (672–735 A.D.), also known as the Venerable Bede, was born to a wealthy family in England. At the age of seven he was sent to the Benedictine monastery to be educated by the monks. He discerned a vocation to the monastic life, and devoted himself to prayer and to the study of Sacred Scripture and Church history. After being ordained at the age of thirty, he went on to become a prolific writer and teacher. He was considered to be a genius and was widely famous for his theological works and knowledge of ecclesiastical history. He was also well-versed in all the natural sciences known in his day, making him an extraordinary scholar whose influence spread throughout Europe for centuries. During his life he was also considered to be a saint, and his writings were so filled with heavenly wisdom that a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches. Bede was given the name Venerable not long after his death, and centuries later was named a Doctor of the Church. St. Bede's feast day is celebrated on May 25th.

Monday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri - St. Philip Neri (1515–1595) was born in Florence, Italy, to the noble class. He was a dutiful child with a cheerful disposition, making him popular with all who knew him. At the age of 18 he was to begin an apprenticeship for a career in business. However, after having a mystical experience, his life was radically changed. He traveled to Rome and entrusted himself completely to God's providence. He found living accommodations with a fellow Florentine in exchange for tutoring his sons, which Philip did with great skill. He then enrolled in philosophy and theology classes at a local monastery in order to become a priest. Although he excelled in his studies, he suddenly quit in order to spiritually serve the people of Rome. At that time, indifference, luxury, and corruption were widespread characteristics of the Roman clergy. Churches were neglected, flocks were abandoned, and the loss of faith was widespread. St. Philip Neri, with his commitment to a life of asceticism, was a contradiction to all of this malaise. With his characteristic good-naturedness, he led many to a life of virtue and love for God as he traveled through the streets of Rome. He began an oratory for laymen to gather together and practice greater spiritual discipline, which grew and became famous. In obedience to his spiritual director he finally became a priest at the age of 34. He also started a religious order known simply as "The Oratory." St. Philip Neri is known as the "Apostle of Rome." He is the patron of Rome and the U.S. Army Special Forces. His feast day is May 26.

Tuesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury - St. Augustine of Canterbury (d. 604 A.D.), also known as St. Austin, was prior of a monastery in Rome before being called by Pope Gregory the Great to be a missionary to the British Isles. The Pope received word that the pagans of Britain would embrace the faith in great numbers if priests were sent to teach them, and previous missionaries had been unsuccessful in the holy endeavor. In order to realize the Holy Father's desire to evangelize the island, Augustine set out on a new quest at the head of forty monks in 596 A.D. When they arrived in France they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons. Out of fear, Augustine returned to Rome and asked the Pope to release him from the mission. Pope Gregory encouraged Augustine in his task and sent him back. When the monks landed in Kent they were treated kindly. The King of Kent himself accepted baptism and set up a residence for St. Augustine in Canterbury. There Augustine established a church and monastery as the center of his apostolic mission. Although his labor among the pagans was slow and difficult, his work bore much fruit and England eventually became a Christian nation. Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury, England, and is known as the "Apostle of England." His feast day is May 27th.

Wednesday, May 28 – St. Bernard of Montjoux - St. Bernard of Montjoux (c. 923–1008 A.D.), also known as St. Bernard of Menthon, was born to a wealthy and noble family in the Kingdom of Arles (present day France and Switzerland). As an adult he refused an honorable marriage and determined instead to give his life in service to the Church. He became a priest in northern Italy and spent more than four decades doing missionary work in the Alps. He built schools and churches, and is especially known for aiding travelers. The area where he ministered had an ancient, snowy, and dangerous pass winding through the mountains along which pilgrims traveled to and from Rome. To serve the pilgrims St. Bernard built a hospice at the highest point of the pass, 8,000 feet above sea level. Later he founded another hospice along another smaller pass. St. Bernard obtained papal approval for communities of priests to serve in the hospices, which have generously aided travelers for more than a millennium. The priests and their well-trained dogs (the St. Bernard breed named for the saint) would seek and rescue lost pilgrims. St. Bernard was declared the patron saint of skiers and mountain climbers by Pope Pius XI in 1923. His feast day is celebrated on May 28th.

Thursday, May 29 – St. Bona of Pisa– St. Bona (1156 – 1207 A.D.) was born in Pisa, Italy. She experienced visions at a young age which led her into an ascetical life of penance and fasting. She dedicated herself to God at the early age of ten and became an Augustinian tertiary. At the age of fourteen she went on her first pilgrimage to Jerusalem where her father was fighting in the crusades. On her trip home she was captured and wounded by Muslim pirates and imprisoned, later being rescued by her fellow countrymen. She became fond of making pilgrimages and returned to the Holy Land many times. She also led a large pilgrimage group along the Way of St. James (Santiago de Compostela), a 1,000 mile journey. She had a great devotion to St. James, whom she had seen in a vision as a child. She was named an official guide of the ancient route by the Knights of St. James. St. Bona made the Way of St. James a total of nine times. On her tenth trip she had to return home due to illness, and died soon after. St. Bona of Pisa is the patron saint of travelers, couriers, tour guides, pilgrims, flight attendants, and the city of Pisa. Her feast day is May 29th.

Friday, May 30– St. Joan of Arc - St. Joan of Arc (1412-1431) was born in Domremy, France to peasant farmers during the Hundred Years War between France and England. She was a pious child, and from age 13 she received visions of saints, most notably St. Michael the Archangel, St. Margaret of Antioch, and St. Catherine of Alexandria, who became her special patrons. Through these visions, voices, and other interior promptings, Joan understood that she was to help the King of France regain his throne. After overcoming her own reluctance, and that of the military and ecclesiastical authorities, she heroically led the French army in battle. With her leadership they recaptured Orleans and Troyes, which allowed Charles VII to be restored to the throne of France. All the while she wore the dress of a soldier to protect her virtue and modesty. The following year she was captured by the English, imprisoned, and placed on trial under accusation of heresy and witchcraft. She was treated unjustly and illegally during her captivity, and her trial became a circus. Under political pressure she was condemned and burned alive at the stake, even though she proved herself to be blameless and fearless in character and faith. As she burned she kept her eyes on a crucifix and repeatedly called on the name of Jesus. A second Church trial twenty-five years later nullified the earlier verdict and found her innocent of all charges, paving the way for her veneration as a saint. St. Joan of Arc is the patron saint of captives, rape victims, soldiers, and France. Her feast day is May 30th.

Saturday, May 31 – St. Petronille - St. Petronille (1st c.), also known as Petronilla, was a virgin martyr of the early Church in Rome. According to tradition she was connected to St. Peter the Apostle; she may have been either his natural daughter, servant, convert (spiritual daughter), or co-laborer in the faith. It is also a tradition that St. Petronilla was cured of palsy by St. Peter. She is remembered for being beautiful, for refusing marriage to a pagan king due to her vow of chastity, and for suffering martyrdom for her unwavering faith. In the 8th century the chapel containing her relics became the burial place of French kings. This is due to the fact that she was the supposed daughter of St. Peter, and the French kings were considered the "adopted sons" of St. Peter; therefore, St. Petronille was invoked as an intercessor for all treaties between the Holy See and the French crown. Her relics were later moved to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and on her feast day Mass at St. Peter's is offered for France and attended by French residents living in Rome. St. Petronille is the patroness of the dauphins of France, mountain travelers, and against fever. Her feast day is May 31st.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MAY 25, 2025



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. May 25 | 8:30a.m. | OLM | Rosemary Pontius, Giovanni Stella, Andrew Lichtenwald |
| | 10:30a.m. | SP | For the People |
| Tues. May 27 | 6:30 p.m. | SP | For the People |
| Wed. May 28 | 9:00 a.m. | SP | For the People |
| Thurs. May 29 | 9:00 a.m. | OLM | For the People |
| Fri. May 30 | 9:00 a.m. | SP | For the People |
| Communion Svc | | | |
| Sat. May 31 | 4:30 pm | SP | John Van Pelt Al Holland |
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| Sun. June 1 | 8:30a.m. | OLM | For the People |
| | 10:30a.m. | SP | Cathy Warner Carolyn Bigger |

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Wednesday's until June 11 – The Chosen at 7:00 p.m. OLOM basement
 ---May 29 Rosary at 7 p.m.
 ---June 1 Altar Rosary meeting after Mass in basement
 ---June 8 – Silent Festival Committee meeting after Mass in basement

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for May 18, 2025

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| SUNDAY OFFERTORY (20 envelopes) | \$ 2,571.00 |
| LOOSE OFFERINGS | \$ 133.00 |
| BUDGET | \$ 1,747.00 |
| Over / (Under) | \$ 957.00 |

OTHER COLLECTION

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| CPC Jar | \$ 25.00 |
| Postage | \$ 70.00 |

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| TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other) | \$ 2,799.00 |
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Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

DISCERN – to perceive by the sight or some other sense or by the intellect; see, recognize, or apprehend clearly

“It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities”
 Acts 15:28

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

| | June 1, 2025 |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Greeters/Gifts | Mary Bird Shelly Gruman |
| Proclaimer | Shelly Gruman |
| Servers | Evan Beauregard |
| Ushers | Phil & Tami Baker |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | Until further notice |
| Money Counters | Phil Baker Barb Bruggeman Joanna Marry |

Dear Padre,

I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. ●



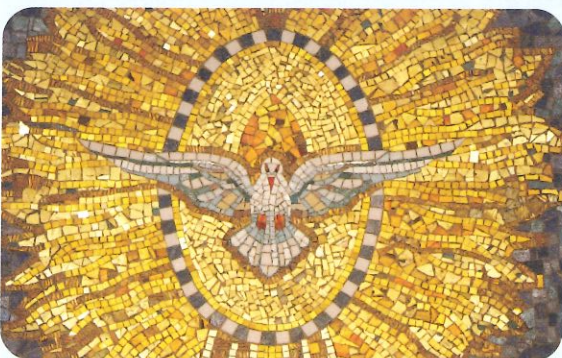
PRESSMASTER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| May 26 | May 27 | May 28 | May 29 | May 30 | May 31 | June 1 |
| <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> |
| Acts 16:11-15 | Acts 16:22-34 | Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 | Acts 18:1-8 | Acts 18:9-18 | Acts 18:9-18 | Acts 1:1-11 |
| Jn 15:26-16:4a | Jn 16:5-11 | Jn 16:12-15 | Jn 16:16-20 | Jn 16:20-23 | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; |
| | | | | | Lk 1:39-56 | 10:19-23 |
| | | | | | | Lk 24:46-53 |

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit."... And let us also ask this...for those we meet each day.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022