



# Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

## Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.  
What blessings or important lessons  
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
"Everything that the Father  
has is mine; for this reason I  
told you that [the Holy Spirit]  
will take from what is mine  
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15



# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor  
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## 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.



## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### 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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Tuesday and Thursday

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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](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

# SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



### THANK YOU

Thank you to Larry Pennington for the beautiful rose bushes in the front by the Blessed Virgin. Thank you to all who helped on June 7, 2025, on the landscape around the church. Many hands make light the load.

### CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Please keep Angie and Evan Beauregard, along with St. Peter's youth and leaders in your prayers this next week (June 21 – June 27) as they head to Nashville, Tennessee to be Jesus's helping hands.

### THE CHOSEN

Season 2 episode 1 "Thunder" will be viewed on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7 p.m.

### HELP WANTED

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for a part time (6 – 9 hours per week) cleaning person for the church and office. Starting date will be July 1, 2025. Please contact Father Bill or call the office 419-237-2441, if you are interested or know of someone.

### COMMUNITY PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLES

Baby bottles are due. Please turn in baby bottles into Sherry Renner after Mass or to the office on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Thank you to all who donated to the Community Pregnancy Center, we are so Blessed to have an organization in the area to help families.

### ASK HER - SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

"Ask Her...to let her unimaginable love for you permeate any empty spaces in your heart."

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 3

1125 May 20, 1937. When for a whole month I had been enjoying good health, it occurred to me that I did not know which was more pleasing to the Lord – my serving Him in illness or in the robust health for which I had asked Him – and I said Lord, "Jesus, do with me as You please," and Jesus returned me to my previous condition.

### 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

---June 18 – Community Meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center 5p.m.-6p.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 or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email [olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto: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.

# TRINITY SUNDAY

(from morningoffering.com)

On the first Sunday after Pentecost the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This revealed doctrine of God's nature is that the eternal God is one in essence and being, yet three distinct persons—God the Father, God the Son (the Incarnate Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. This is the central and greatest mystery of the Christian faith. An everlasting and loving union with the Holy Trinity is the final end for which mankind is created. The divine inner life of the Holy Trinity is generously given to us as sanctifying grace through the Church's Sacraments, which is fully and perfectly possessed by the saints in heaven.



# Saints of the Day

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

Week of June 15 – June 21

**Sunday, June 15 – St. Germain Cousin** - St. Germaine Cousin (1579–1601) was born in a remote French village to a peasant farmer. She was born with a deformed right arm and a disease that causes abscesses in her neck. Her mother died when she was an infant, and her father remarried. Due to Germaine's deformities, her stepmother was thoroughly disgusted with her. She severely neglected and physically abused the child, and taught others to do the same. Starving, sick, and dressed in rags with no shoes, Germaine was forced to sleep in the barn. Her stepmother once attempted to kill her off by sending her to tend sheep near a wolf-infested forest. St. Germaine was a simple and pious child, and through her extreme hardships she developed a deep interior life. She prayed the rosary and went to Mass daily, leaving her sheep to the care of her guardian angel. Even though she was emaciated, she shared the little food she had with beggars. Her piety was admired by the village children, and adults gradually became aware of her holiness, especially when news of her miracles began to circulate. St. Germaine died at the age of twenty-two, succumbing to her poor living conditions. Many years later her body was found incorrupt. Villagers began praying for her intercession and receiving miraculous cures, resulting in her canonization in 1867. St. Germaine is the patron saint of unattractive people, peasant girls, abuse victims, handicapped people, and abandoned people. Her feast day is June 15th.

**Monday, June 16 – St. John Francis Regis** - St. John Francis Regis (1597–1640) was born to a wealthy French merchant and his noble wife. After being educated by the Jesuits, he joined their order at the age of 18 and was later ordained a priest. He grew into a skilled preacher and catechist, and received an assignment to evangelize the French provinces that had fallen to the Protestants – the Huguenots – as well as lapsed Catholics. He devoted his life to this mission and was very successful, winning countless souls to Christ. He preached the Gospel to men, women, and children in all walks and stations of life, even traveling on foot to wild mountain parishes as a missionary priest. He would live on meager meals while spending his days in prayer, preaching, hearing confessions, and visiting prisons and hospitals. He raised controversy when he established hostels for converted prostitutes to remain chaste and work for their sustenance in the lace-making and embroidery trades. He is also remembered for stationing a granary to feed the poor, which at times was miraculously replenished. St. Regis is the patron of embroiderers, social workers, and lace makers. His feast day is June 16th.

**Tuesday, June 17 – St. Emily de Vialar** - St. Emily de Vialar (1797–1856) was born in Gaillac, France to an aristocratic family in the years following the French Revolution. Because the Catholic faith was under severe persecution, she was baptized in secret by her parents and her religious instruction was given at home. She was a devout child who displayed an aptitude for prayer, and she shunned the luxuries of her state in life. After the death of her mother, her father arranged to find her a suitable husband when she reached 15 years of age. Emily, who desired to lead the religious life in service to the poor, resisted her father's attempts and endured his anger at her refusal. She desired also to repair the harm caused by the Revolution by catechizing the local children. Emily remained a virgin and privately consecrated herself to God while living in her father's home. When she was 21 she met a priest who helped her set up an out-patient service for the sick in her own home, which heightened her tense relationship with her father. When her grandfather died, Emily inherited a large fortune which allowed her independence in the service of God. She bought a large home in her town and began a religious order in service to the sick and poor, and to the education of children, which quickly flourished. In 40 years her order, called the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, established 40 houses throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia. St. Emily de Vialar's feast day is June 17th.

**Wednesday, June 18 – Sts. Mark & Marcellian** - Sts. Mark and Marcellian (d. 286 A.D.) were twin brothers who were martyred for their faith in Rome under Emperor Diocletian. According to legend they were both deacons from a distinguished family who were thrown into prison for being Christians. Their mother and father, who were pagans, visited their sons in prison and pleaded with them to return to the worship of false gods so that they could be saved. At the same time, St. Sebastian also visited the brothers and encouraged them to stand strong in their faith. St. Sebastian's exhortation was so persuasive that the parents of Marcellian and Mark were converted, along with several friends who were present, as well as the other prisoners. All of these new Christian converts were eventually martyred alongside Mark and Marcellian. The brothers had their feet nailed to a wood post, and later their bodies were pierced with lances. Their feast day is June 18th.

**Thursday, June 19 –St. Juliana Falconieri** – Juliana Falconieri was born in Florence, Italy in 1270. Her family was wealthy and active in the affairs of the city. When Juliana's father died, her uncle, Alessio Falconieri, helped take care of her. Alessio had dedicated his life to God and was one of the founders of the Servants of Mary (the Servites). His vocation had a profound effect on Juliana and she, too, began to wear the habit and serve the poor. At the young age of sixteen, she became a Servite Tertiary. After her mother died in 1304, Juliana gathered like-minded women, wrote a rule, and founded the Sisters of the Third Order of Servites. Juliana and her sisters offered fasting and many sacrifices in atonement for the violence that was common in Florence during the Middle Ages. Towards the end of her life, Juliana became ill and was unable to eat solid food. Eventually, she was unable to swallow any food. This made it impossible for her to receive the Holy Eucharist. As her death drew near, a priest came to administer Last Rites and give her Viaticum. Juliana asked for a corporal to be spread across her chest and the Blessed Sacrament was placed there, close to her heart. When Juliana died, the Sacred Host disappeared! On Juliana's chest, at the place where the Blessed Sacrament had rested, appeared a cross similar to the one that had been on the host. The Servites continue to include this symbol of the Eucharistic miracle on their religious habit. St. Juliana Falconieri died in 1341 and was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737. Her feast day is June 19.

**Friday, June 20–Blessed John Fenwick & Blessed John Gavan** - Bl. John Fenwick and Bl. John Gavan (d. 1679) were Englishmen and Jesuit priests who were martyred for their faith in England during the monarchy's persecution of the Catholic Church. John Fenwick's Protestant parents disowned him when he became a Catholic. The two priests, along with three other Jesuits, were falsely accused of involvement in the "Popish Plot," a fabricated conspiracy that mounted to anti-Catholic hysteria in England over the course of three years. The men were charged with complicity to assassinate King Charles II and condemned on the charges of High Treason and subversion of the nation's Protestant religion. During their trial, John Gavan acted as the principal spokesman for the group; one historian called him one of the ablest priests of his generation. Both priests were condemned to be hung, drawn, and quartered. It is said that the King, knowing they were innocent yet unwilling to grant them pardon, permitted them to be hanged only. After giving a rousing speech declaring their innocence, Bl. John Fenwick and Bl. John Gavan were martyred together on June 20th, 1679. They share a feast day on June 20th.

**Saturday, June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga** - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1568–1591) was born to a noble Italian family, the eldest of seven children, and was destined for the military. However, by the time he was nine years of age he chose the religious life and made a personal vow of chastity. As a safeguard against sexual temptation he always kept his eyes downcast in the presence of women. Although many tried to dissuade him from his chosen vocation, he was eventually allowed to renounce his inheritance and enter the seminary in order to become a Jesuit priest. While he was studying in Rome, there was an outbreak of the plague. Aloysius volunteered to care for the sick, despite the delicateness of his own health. As a result, he contracted the disease and died at the age of twenty-three, before completing his priestly studies. St. Aloysius was connected with two great figures of the Counter-Reformation: he received his First Holy Communion at the age of twelve from St. Charles Borromeo, and his Last Rites from St. Robert Bellarmine, both of whom served as his spiritual advisers. On the night of his death, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi had a vision of him being received into great glory. St. Aloysius Gonzaga is the patron saint of youth and bodily purity. His feast day is June 21st.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

JUNE 15, 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. June 15	8:30a.m.	OLM	Jeanette Tidwell Tony Higgins
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner, Carolyn Bigger
Mon. June 16			NO MASS
Tues. June 17 Communion Svc	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. June 18 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. June 19 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius
Fri. June 20 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. June 21	4:30 pm	SP	John Van Pelt
Sun. June 22	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius Edward Josephy Britenriker, Jr.
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Wednesday's continuing with Season 2 – The Chosen at 7:00 p.m. OLOM basement  
 ---June 21 -27 – Catholic Heart Workcamp

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for June 8, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (15 envelopes)	\$ 656.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 166.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 925.00)

### OTHER COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 9.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 876.00</b>

Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

TRINITY – the union of three persons (Father, Son and Holy Ghost) in one God-head, or the threefold personality of the one Divine Being

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	June 22, 2025
<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Ron Baker
<b>Servers</b>	Kennedy Kunkle
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron & Pat Eisel
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron Baker Eli Eberly Joanna Marry

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

cf Revelation 1:8

# Dear Padre,

*What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?*

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



VATICAN MEDIA

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

### Monday

June 16  
Weekday  
2 Cor 6:1-10  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

June 17  
Weekday  
2 Cor 8:1-9  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

June 18  
Weekday  
2 Cor 9:6-11  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

June 19  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:1-11  
Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

June 20  
Weekday  
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30  
Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

June 21  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
2 Cor 12:1-10  
Mt 6:24-34

### Sunday

June 22  
The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
Gn 14:18-20  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Lk 9:11b-17